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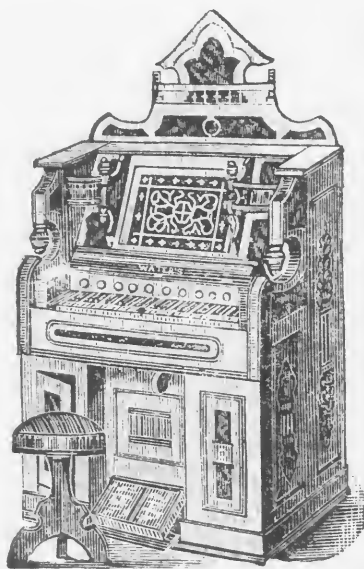
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As to my individual reliability, &c., I respectfully refer to Revs. Dr. D. W. Bates, R. S. Rowe, C. M. Thompson, J. W. Gray, W. M. Strayer, and M. P. Ministry in general.

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PREPARATORY COURSE.

- S. B. SOUTHERLAND.. { *Watson's Institutes.*
 { *Evidences of Christianity.*
J. T. LASSELL..... { *English Grammar.*
J. L. MILLS..... { *Constitution and Discipline M. P. Church.*
 { *Miller on Clerical Habits and Manners.*

FIRST YEAR'S CLASS.

- J. T. MURRAY..... { *Watson's Institutes—Doctrines of Christianity.*
 { *Attributes of God.*
J. T. WARD..... { *Mosheim's Church History, 1st to 5th Century.*
B. F. BENSON..... { *Powell on Succession.*

STUDENTS—Thos. E. Coulbourn, Wm. F. Roberts, James L. Elderdice,
George R. McCready.

SECOND YEAR'S CLASS.

- E. R. MCGREGOR..... { *Watson's Institutes—Doctrines of Christianity.*
 { *Original Sin.*
J. D. KINZER..... { *Watson's Institutes—Redemption.*
S. T. GRAHAM..... { *Mosheim's Church History, 5th to 12th Century.*
R. S. NORRIS..... { *Watson's Institutes—Institutions of Christianity.*

STUDENTS—Dan'l W. Anstine, J. L. Leilich, A. D. Murray.

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- W. M. STRAYER..... { *Watson's Institutes—Moral Law.*
E. J. DRINKHOUSE..... { *Butler's Analogy.*
W. S. HAMMOND..... { *Mosheim's Church History, 12th Century to close*
 { *of Volume.*
J. M. HOLMES..... { *Wayland's Moral Science.*

STUDENTS—J. M. Brown, F. C. Klein, S. J. Smith, W. T. Valiant.

The Faculty meets Tuesday before Conference, at 3 P. M., to examine Students, and at 7.30 P. M. for business.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND,
President.

W. S. HAMMOND,
Secretary.

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The Fifty-second Session of the MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE convened in the Ninth-Street Methodist Protestant Church, Washington, D. C., Wednesday, March 10th, 1880, at 9 o'clock A. M., and was opened by the President, who read the 5th chapter of 2d Corinthians, announced the 550th hymn and offered prayer.

After the roll of Ministerial Members was called, J. K. Nichols read the "Dead Roll."

Memorial services of T. M. Bryan and W. C. Lipscomb were made the order of the day for 1½ P. M. Friday.

The Secretary of Conference, with his assistants, was appointed the Committee on Credentials, and the roll was completed as follows:

MEMBERS OF FIFTY-SECOND CONFERENCE.

MINISTERIAL.

	Ordained.		Ordained.
1. Augustus Webster,	1833	16. D. A. Shermer,	1846
2. J. W. Everest,	1834	17. T. D. Valiant,	1846
3. D. F. Ewell,	1839	18. T. A. Moore,	1847
4. J. K. Nichols,	1839	19. David Wilson,	1847
5. J. R. Nichols,	1840	20. F. Swentzel,	1848
6. A. Baker,	1842	21. H. J. Day,	1849
7. L. W. Bates,	1842	22. J. A. McFaden,	1849
8. J. M. Elderdice,	1842	23. Jesse Shreeve,	1849
9. S. B. Southerland,	1843	24. J. H. Ellegood,	1851
10. J. T. Ward,	1843	25. Jeremiah Clay,	1852
11. P. L. Wilson,	1843	26. E. J. Drinkhouse,	1852
12. R. S. Norris,	1844	27. Thomas Lee,	1852
13. W. T. Dumm,	1845	28. H. C. Cushing,	1853
14. J. J. Murray,	1845	29. W. S. Hammond,	1853
15. D. W. Bates,	1846	30. C. H. Littleton,	1853

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	Ordained.		Ordained.
31. J. T. Murray,	1853	66. J. L. Killgore,	
32. A. D. Dick,	1856	67. E. R. McGregor,	1873
33. W. G. Holmes,	1856	68. J. B. Butler,	1873
34. James Thompson,	1856	69. A. A. Harryman,	1873
35. B. F. Benson,	1859	70. R. L. Lewis,	1873
36. C. T. Cochel,	1860	71. F. T. Little,	1873
37. J. E. T. Ewell,	1860	72. W. J. Neepier,	1873
38. S. A. Hoblitzell,	1860	73. J. G. Sullivan,	1873
39. W. M. Strayer,	1860	74. T. O. Crouse,	1874
40. J. E. Maloy,	1861	75. W. R. Graham,	1874
41. J. W. Charlton,	1862	76. A. D. Melvin,	1874
42. J. B. Jones,	1862	77. S. B. Tredway,	1874
43. J. L. Mills,	1862	78. J. M. Yingling,	1875
44. J. W. Gray,	1863	79. R. W. Berryman,	
45. W. F. Livingston,	1863	70. G. F. Farring,	1876
46. J. D. Kinzer,	1865	81. D. N. Gilbert,	1876
47. W. D. Litsinger,	1865	82. T. H. Lewis,	1876
48. R. S. Rowe,	1865	83. W. J. D. Lucas,	1876
49. S. T. Ferguson,	1866	84. F. H. Mullineaux,	1876
50. S. T. Graham,	1866	85. G. J. Smith,	
51. J. T. Lassell,	1866	86. R. T. Smith,	1876
52. J. M. Holmes,	1867	87. J. A. Weigand,	1876
53. A. T. Melvin,	1867	88. G. Q. Bacchus,	1877
54. A. W. Mather,	1868	89. J. M. Sheridan,	1877
55. H. E. Miskimmon,	1868	90. H. C. Stern,	1877
56. I. T. Adkins,	1870	91. A. J. Walter,	1877
57. W. A. Crouse,	1870	92. C. S. Arnett,	1878
58. D. L. Greenfield,	1870	93. A. C. Berryman,	1878
59. C. M. Thompson,	1870	94. P. T. Hall,	1878
60. Thomas McCormick,		95. W. W. White,	1878
61. W. J. Floyd,	1871	96. T. A. King,	1879
62. C. O. Melvin,	1871	97. C. B. Middleton,	1879
63. F. T. Tagg,	1871	98. S. R. Murray,	1879
64. Henry Bruner,	1872	99. J. W. Trout,	1879
65. J. L. Straughn,	1872	100. W. H. Stone,	

PROBATIONARY.

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. J. D. McFaden, | 8. A. D. Murray, |
| 2. J. M. Brown, | 9. T. E. Coulbourn, |
| 3. S. J. Smith, | 10. J. L. Elderdice, |
| 4. W. T. Valiant, | 11. G. H. McCready, |
| 5. D. W. Anstine, | 12. G. H. McFaden, |
| 6. F. C. Klein, | 13. W. F. Roberts. |
| 7. J. L. Leilich, | |

LAY.

R. B. Ferguson,	A. M. Tabler,	Snowden H. Watson,
Edward Saulsbury,	Wm. S. Mills,	Chas. H. Trail,

R. H. T. Councell,	James Guessford,	J. W. Gillett,
Amos S. Weaver,	James R. Caton,	J. Senderling,
John F. Cohee,	Switzer Linthicum,	Elias Yingling,
Wm. H. Wheatley,	James H. Leonard,	John W. Boor,
Wm. M. Stratton,	E. E. Marsh,	J. W. Williams,
Wm. G. Baker,	John A. Shoemaker,	D. N. Hahn,
J. W. Harkens,	G. H. Erdman,	Willard Melvin,
Wm. Pulley,	Vance H. Jones,	J. W. Fenimore,
Chas. S. Dale,	Jas. E. C. Wright,	G. W. Cessna,
James Clark,	Samuel H. Green,	W. A. Farlee,
Howard Meeks,	Thos. W. Ralph,	John N. Taylor,
Samuel Follen,	Abraham Anstine,	C. W. Button,
F. A. Naille,	T. B. Wilkins,	W. J. Hopper,
F. A. Tull,	C. R. Blades,	Joseph Barnett,
John B. Thomas,	Wm. Stevens,	S. L. Bandell,
D. W. Webster,	A. J. Fairbanks,	R. H. Gilbert,
Thos. B. Taylor,	Thos. J. Reisler,	John Divers,
Robert Lusby,	Era P. Bowen,	Tilghman Shafer,
Lee Squires,	W. J. C. Dulany,	Thos. E. Berryman,
J. T. McCullough,	Thos. S. Linthicum,	Richard Vansant,
B. Milburn,	Ormond Hammond,	Henry Weaver,
Jacob Baughman,	A. P. Ellis,	John R. Woodall.
T. W. Mather,	Wm. Boyer,	

Conference took a recess to hear the annual sermon by B. F. Benson, from 1st Cor. iv. 20, after which adjourned to 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, To amend Rule XLIII., page 59 of the Manual, by striking out all after the word "appeals," in line three, and insert the following: "The Missionary Fund Steward, and the Superannuated Fund Steward, shall be elected immediately after the election of the Conference Steward. The Missionary Fund Steward shall take charge of all Missionary funds brought to the Conference, and disburse them as ordered.

The Superannuated Fund Steward shall take charge of, and distribute, the moneys intended for claimants upon the Superannuated Fund."

The election of President was made the order of the day for Thursday at 12 M.

The President announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

President's Official Report—J. R. Nichols, W. S. Hammond, S. B. Tredway, R. B. Ferguson, E. E. Marsh.

Missions—B. F. Benson, W. M. Strayer, J. D. Kinzer, H. Meeks, W. Pulley.

Superannuated Claimants—J. J. Murray, F. Swentzel, T. A. Moore, C. W. Button, A. J. Fairbanks.

Official Reports—J. K. Nichols, C. H. Littleton, A. W. Mather, J. T. McCullough, S. Fallen.

Statistics—S. T. Ferguson.

Western Maryland College—L. W. Bates, C. T. Cochel, F. T. Tagg, W. J. C. Dulany, J. Divers.

Literature—J. W. Charlton, E. R. McGregor, F. T. Little, B. Milburn, J. R. Caton.

Supplies Outside of the District—D. W. Bates, S. T. Graham, D. L. Greenfield, R. H. Gilbert, E. Saulsbury.

Bible Cause—J. L. Killgore, A. D. Melvin, T. O. Crouse, J. Baughman, J. H. Leonard.

Finance—J. T. Murray, J. B. Jones, J. W. Gray, G. H. Erdman, S. Linthicum.

Fraternal Relations—E. J. Drinkhouse, J. M. Holmes, J. E. T. Ewell, A. J. Donelson, F. A. Naille.

Sabbath Schools—W. J. Floyd, T. H. Lewis, J. A. Weigand, W. Melvin, W. J. Baker.

Unfinished Business—C. M. Thompson, W. J. Neepier, T. W. Mather.

Temperance—J. T. Ward, S. A. Hoblitzell, A. D. Dick, W. Stevens, A. Anstine.

Pulpit Services—D. Wilson, J. T. Murray, J. W. Gray.

Boundaries—O. Hammond, S. H. Green, J. T. Clark, J. Barnett, J. W. Gillett, J. W. Williams, T. W. Ralph.

Itinerancy and Orders—Faculty of Instruction.

Ministerial Education—P. L. Wilson, J. L. Mills, J. A. Weigand, W. S. Mills, R. H. T. Counsel.

Foreign Missions—W. T. Dumm, J. M. Elderdice, W. A. Crouse, T. S. Linthicum, W. J. Hopper.

The President read his official report, and his character passed.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, March 11th 1880.

Religious services conducted by W. A. Crouse.

The list of Circuits, Stations and Missions was called, and papers from them referred to proper committees.

The Special Committee appointed at the last Conference to examine the claim of Wm. F. Pentz, reported as follows:

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

BRETHREN: Your Committee, to whom was referred the claim of Wm. F. Pentz, respectfully report having held several meetings, and received from the attorney of Mr. Pentz an account herewith submitted, aggregating \$6,742.53, on which appear credits of \$1,543.05, leaving a balance of \$5,199.48, claimed by Mr. Pentz as due him for work and materials furnished under his orders from January, 1864, to December, 1865, on Starr M. P. church, Baltimore city.

We have examined the account, and find it substantially agrees with the vouchers, and find it also compares with Mr. Pentz's books.

Other than the papers referred to above, we have been unable to procure any information, excepting what appears in the Journal of Proceedings of the Maryland Annual Conference for the years 1864, 1865 and 1866.

In the proceedings of 1864, folio 11, we find report from a committee, of which Dr. J. J. Murray was chairman, a claim of some \$2,000, recognized as due Wm. F. Pentz and Wm. Bond (the latter now deceased), and stating that the further sum of \$800 would be necessary to complete the basement.

On the recommendation of the same committee, Conference ordered all the stations and circuits in the District to take collections for the liquidation of the debt, and as the result we find a credit of \$1,543.05, as will appear in the statement of Pentz, above referred to.

In the Journal of 1865, folio 17, we find that Bro. Wesley Starr donated \$648.01, presumably on account of the \$800, which appears went toward the completion of the building, and which does not appear in the account of Mr. Pentz.

In the Journal of 1866, folio 18, reference is made to a specific sum of \$551.81 due on Starr church, which Mr. Pentz repudiated; the Conference directing it should be paid first out of any monies collected (notwithstanding Pentz repudiated it), but find no further mention made of the collection or disposal of the amount, and it does not appear in Mr. Pentz's account.

SUMMATION.

Claim estimated by Conference in 1864.....	\$2,000.00	
Amount estimated to finish basement.....	800.00	
		<hr/> \$2,800.00
Less collected from District.....	\$1,543.05	
Donated by Wesley Starr.....	648.01	
Claim repudiated by Pentz, but approved by Conference.....	551.81	
		<hr/> \$2,742.07

In view of the fact that Mr. Pentz, to secure the first \$2,000 (he and Mr. Bond expended), was compelled to come to this body for relief, as he did in 1864 (notwithstanding this body cannot be made, in any way, responsible for individual acts), realized the great difficulty to be reimbursed, we are at a loss to account for his future action in again expending (as he professes to have done) a sum exceeding \$4,000 *additional*, on his own authority, without consulting the Conference or the Trustees of Starr church (so far as the records which we have examined show). With *this* experience and the "due notice" Mr. Pentz thus had, your committee can see no just or equitable claim that he

has on this body, and therefore recommend that you take conclusive action in the case at this session of the Conference.

We respectfully ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

JOHN G. CLARKE, }
J. N. GILBERT, } Committee.
WM. J. C. DULANY, }

Baltimore, March 10th, 1880.

The above Report was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of W. M. Strayer, J. W. Charlton and J. B. Jones.

J. R. Nichols presented a paper on the division of the District, which was laid on the table.

Revs. Judson Swift, C. H. Williams, Francis Brown, E. R. Washington, S. G. Appleget, Prof. Stephens, Thomas Wells, D. M. Simonton, D. B. Turney, Isaac Gaston, G. R. Barr, S. F. Crowther and J. B. Lucas were introduced to the Conference.

Conference proceeded to the election of President, which resulted, on the third ballot, in the selection of T. D. Valiant.

The Standing District Committee was elected as follows: J. T. Murray, J. B. Jones, W. Dale, R. B. Ferguson, O. Hammond, J. W. Thompson.

W. J. Neepier was appointed to receive all monies collected for the Board of Ministerial Education.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, March 12th, 1880.

Religious services conducted by W. F. Livingston.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the report of committee appointed last year on the claim of W. F. Pentz, report as follows, and the report was adopted:

The committee appointed to investigate the claim of Wm. F. Pentz, without entering into the merits of the case, reply that the Conference cannot entertain that or any other claim against a local church for want of jurisdiction.

W. M. STRAYER,
J. B. JONES,
J. W. CHARLTON.

The Committee of Appeals was elected as follows: S. B. South-
erland, L. W. Bates, J. T. Murray, C. W. Button, W. J. C. Dulany.

The following Conference officers were elected:

R. S. Rowe, Conference Steward.

A. W. Mather, Missionary Steward.

J. E. Maloy, Superannuated Fund Steward.

T. H. Lewis, Secretary. F. T. Little and S. R. Murray, Assistant Secretaries, appointed by the Secretary.

A. D. Murray, Postmaster.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the pastors respectively be required to hand in their reports to the Committee on Official Reports on Thursday; and that they be required also to hand in, not later than Friday, the amounts of the various collections to those authorized to receive them, in sealed envelopes, with the amounts, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor, and that of the charges, respectively, written upon them.

The report of the Book Concern and Church Periodical was read, and referred to the Committee on Literature.

S. R. Murray was appointed to take charge of the College collections.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all qualified members shall be entitled to vote for Stewards in missions the same as in stations.

The Memorial Services for Revs. T. M. Bryan and W. C. Lipscomb were held, appreciative and appropriate remarks being made by T. D. Valiant, J. T. Murray, and Thomas McCormick.

Papers from the Alabama Conference, and from the Male Members' Meeting of Montgomery, Ala., Station, were referred to the Committee on Supplies outside the District.

The Committee on College Collections reported as follows:

Jefferson.....	\$5.00	Sussex.....	\$2.00
Howard.....	24.50	Salisbury.....	9.25
Hampden.....	1.00	Union.....	1 50
Westminster.....	20.00	Chincoteague.....	1.00
Severn.....	2.06	Deer Creek.....	2.00
Campbell.....	13.00	East Baltimore.....	1.00
Pipe Creek.....	10.00	Anne Arundel.....	4.14
Liberty.....	27 00	Whaleville.....	2 00
Cecil.....	11.35	Surry.....	5.00
Rowlandsville.....	2.48	Charleston.....	2.00
Talbot.....	25.00		
Total.....			\$171.28

Which amounts were handed over to, and receipted for, by J. B. Walker, College Agent.
S. R. MURRAY, Committee.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, March 13th, 1880.

Religious services conducted by A. T. Melvin.

The report of the Faculty of Instruction, as the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, was adopted, as follows:

1. We recommend for admission into the Itinerancy, Thomas Edward Coulbourn, Wm. Franklin Roberts, Dr. James Luther Elderdice, George Roberts McCready, and George H. McFaden.

2. We recommend for Orders, Wm. E. Thompson, and that the President be requested to sign the transfer of Wm. H. Stone.

The Faculty of Instruction report that they have passed to the *second*-year class, Dan'l W. Anstine, J. L. Leilich, and Arthur D. Murray.

Passed to the *third* year, J. M. Brown, F. C. Klein, S. J. Smith and W. T. Valiant.

They recommend that S. J. Willey be discontinued.

The resignation of Dr. L. W. Bates as a member of the Faculty was accepted. Dr. J. L. Mills was elected to fill the vacancy.

Dr. S. B. Southerland was elected President of the Faculty, his duties to commence at the close of the present session of Conference.

The report of the Committee on Collections for Ministerial Education was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee to receive the collections for Ministerial Education, beg leave to report as follows:

Accomac.....	\$2.45	Leipsic.....	13.85
Alexandria.....	2.61	Middleway.....	2.50
Anne Arundel.....	32	Milton.....	1.50
Baltimore.....	4 31	Montgomery, Ala.....	No report
Bedford.....	15.40	Newark.....	10 23
Belair.....	4 30	Newtown.....	20 75
Cambridge.....	No report	Ninth-Street, Washington..	No report
Campbell.....	1 00	Norfolk.....	No report
Caroline.....	23.70	N. W. Mission.....	No report
Cecil.....	24.75	N. C. Ave., Washington....	No report
Centreville.....	8.80	Piedmont.....	No report
Chesapeake.....	3.00	Pipe Creek.....	5 00
Chestertown.....	3.60	Pocomoke.....	2.34
Chincoteague.....	1.00	Potomac.....	No report
Concord.....	No report	Preston.....	1.29
Crumpton.....	1 00	Quantico.....	2.00
Cumberland.....	16 20	Queen Anne's.....	13.20
Clayton.....	18.90	Rainsburg.....	1.65
Deer Creek.....	2.00	Rowlandsville.....	19.00
Dorchester.....	5.50	Salisbury.....	2.00
East Baltimore.....	1.00	Seaford.....	12 50
Ellicott City.....	1.00	Severn.....	48
Easton.....	14 50	Snow Hill.....	2 81
Eutaw.....	16 25	Somerset.....	5 00
Fawn Grove.....	4 00	South Baltimore.....	18 13
Finksburg.....	23.30	Starr Church.....	36.76
First Church, Washington...	3 00	Stewartstown.....	4.03
First Church, Pittsburgh...	No report	St. John's.....	No report
Frederick.....	7.00	St. Michael's.....	7.00
Frederick City.....	No report	St. James's.....	5.00
Franklin City.....	1.00	Surry.....	4.23
Georgetown.....	17 24	Susquehanna.....	1.70
Guilford.....	1.00	Sussex.....	1.00
Hampden.....	4.50	Talbot.....	10.00
Harper's Ferry.....	1.56	Union.....	1.00
Heathsville.....	2 00	Warwick.....	15.21
Howard.....	10 60	Washington-Street.....	16.05
Jefferson.....	5.00	West Baltimore.....	44 75
Kennedyville.....	No report	Westminster.....	3.76
Kent Island.....	1 40	Whaleyville.....	20.00
Laurel.....	1.00	Williamsport.....	2.00

Memorial Chapel.....	8.40	Charleston, S. C.....	1.50
Liberty.....	12.00	Berkeley, S. C.....	1.00
Lynchburg.....	19.00		
Middlebrook.....	No report	Total.....	\$612.74

The above amount, by order of Conference, was paid over by me to J. B. Walker, Corresponding Secretary. W. J. NEEPIER, Committee.

The report of the Educational Endowment Society was referred to the Committee on Western Maryland College.

A motion to place I. T. Adkins on the superannuated list was referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

A paper from Northwest Mission was referred to the Committee on Missions.

G. R. Barr, Treasurer of the Virginia Aid Society, addressed the Conference in relation to the claim of that Society against the Norfolk church.

A communication from Rev. J. M. P. Hickerson was read and filed.

A communication from the Woman's Temperance Union was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Rev. Dr. Scott, Editor of the *Methodist Recorder*, was introduced, and, with Revs. S. F. Crowther, J. B. Lucas, G. G. Westfall, G. R. Barr, D. B. Turney, S. G. Appleget, Thomas Wells and Francis Brown, addressed the Conference. Their fraternal addresses were responded to by the President and Drs. Murray and Southerland.

A memorial from the Baltimore Conference of the Colored M. P. Church, praying this body to use its influence, through its representatives in the General Conference, to have their Conference admitted to representation in that body, was received and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Fraternal Relations beg leave to report, that we take great pleasure in welcoming the messengers from the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church—Revs. S. F. Crowther, G. G. Westfall and J. B. Lucas. These representative brethren of the West are assured of our high appreciation of their fraternal visit, and they will bear to their associates in gospel labors the kindly Christian sympathies of the Maryland Annual Conference. May the ties which now bind us together strengthen with the growing years.

In Rev. Geo. R. Barr, D. D., and his associate, Rev. J. G. Johnson, M. D., whose verbal message we have heard with warmest reciprocation, of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, we recognize old friends, tried and true, who have never faltered in their denominational allegiance. The presence of Bro. Barr revives in us cherished memories of the hallowed past,

and he is assured that he will be thrice welcome in his declining years, should he be able to repeat his visit.

The delegation of the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church—Revs. D. M. Simington, D. B. Turney, and Isaac Gaston of the laity—we recognize as worthy exponents of our liberal Methodism in their mountain State. Their presence among us is a benediction, and we return their greeting with a "God-speed" to their Christian labors.

Rev. S. G. Appleget, of the New Jersey Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, we recognize as a representative of an educated ministry and the young manhood of our beloved Church.

Rev. Thomas Wells, of the Colored Methodist Protestant Conference of Maryland, is welcome among us, and we cordially recommend them to the recognition of our ensuing General Conference, at their request.

Papers from the First Methodist Protestant church of Pittsburgh, Pa., and from the President of the Virginia Conference, M. P. Church, were referred to the Committee on Supplies outside the District.

Letters were read from W. W. White, D. A. Shermer and J. Clay.

F I F T H D A Y .

MONDAY, March 15th, 1880.

Religious services conducted by C. H. Littleton.

The report of the Committee on Official Character was adopted.

The paper on the Division of the District was taken from the table, and after discussion was not adopted.

The report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was received and read.

The report of the President of Western Maryland College was referred to the committee on that institution.

Rev. Dr. Kost, of Adrian College, was introduced to the Conference.

A communication from Prof. Stephens, editor of the *Methodist Protestant Magazine*, was referred to the Committee on Literature.

The report of the Committee on President's Report was adopted.

T. H. Lewis, Corresponding Secretary of the Sabbath School Association, was granted authority to recommend a Meth. Prot. S. S. Convention, to be held at Jackson Grove Camp-ground during the camp-meeting to be held this Conference year.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Conference Steward be authorized to purchase a satchel

for the use of the Committee on Collections for Ministerial Education, and another for the use of the Committee on Collections for the Bible Cause.

T. McCormick was appointed a committee to wait upon the President of the United States, and ascertain from him at what time it would be his pleasure to receive a call from the Conference in a body.

Conference adjourned for the meeting of the Electoral College, which was organized by the election of J. K. Nichols, Chairman, who appointed the proper judges of the election. After several balloting, the following were declared duly elected as representatives to the General Conference to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., May, 1880:

DELEGATES.

Ministers.

L. W. Bates,
J. J. Murray,
S. B. Southerland,
J. T. Murray,
E. J. Drinkhouse,
W. S. Hammond,
J. D. Kinzer,
David Wilson,
T. D. Valiant,
J. T. Ward.

Laymen.

C. W. Button,
W. J. C. Dulany,
J. W. Hering,
Ormond Hammond,
W. B. Usilton,
J. W. Thompson,
H. F. Zollickoffer,
Gaven Spence,
S. H. Green,
W. G. Baker.

ALTERNATES.

B. F. Benson,
F. T. Tagg,
T. H. Lewis,
J. R. Nichols,
J. B. Jones.

W. H. Wheatley,
A. J. Fairbanks,
S. S. Ewell,
W. E. Beal,
A. Donelson,

Conference resumed its session.

A paper from the Temperance Union, of the District of Columbia, was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Adjourned to meet at 7½ P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Cumberland, Md., was selected as the place, and the second Wednesday in March, 1881, as the time, for holding the next session of the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on the Bible Cause report the following contributions from the charges of the Maryland District:

Cecil.....	\$2.00	Starr.....	5.00
Rowlandsville.....	2.79	Northwest Mission.....	6.46
Warwick.....	3.65	Baltimore Circuit.....	1.09
Chestertown.....	3.70	Eutaw.....	4.50
St. James.....	2.00	Hampden.....	1.00
Kennedyville.....	2.08	Finksburg.....	5.00
Chesapeake.....	2.10	Stewartstown.....	2.26
Kent Island.....	1.67	Fawn Grove.....	1.50
Queen Anne's.....	2.50	Westminster.....	10.26
Centreville.....	4.56	Anne Arundel.....	3.40
Crumpton.....	50	Severn.....	50
Leipsic.....	1.00	First Church, Washington....	2.00
Clayton.....	1.02	North Carolina Avenue.....	....
Easton.....	6.00	Ninth-Street.....	....
St. Michael's.....	67	Georgetown.....	8.73
Talbot.....	2.00	Alexandria.....	1.94
Caroline.....	1.65	Potomac.....	1.00
Preston.....	1.17	Guilford.....	....
Dorchester.....	1.00	Lynchburg.....	5.00
Seaford.....	2.45	Campbell.....	....
Cambridge.....	....	Surry.....	4.37
Milton.....	40	Norfolk.....	....
Whaleyville.....	2.00	Pipe Creek.....	5.00
Salisbury.....	63	Liberty.....	4.00
Union.....	1.00	Jefferson.....	10.00
Quantico.....	50	Frederick.....	4.00
Somerset.....	5.00	Concord.....	1.00
Snow Hill.....	....	Cumberland.....	1.00
Franklin City.....	31	Frederick City.....	....
Pocomoke.....	1.00	Howard.....	2.50
Newtown.....	2.13	Williamsport and Berkeley....	1.00
Chincoteague.....	50	Middleway.....	50
Accomac.....	1.25	Piedmont.....	....
Rainsburg.....	1.25	Bedford.....	1.10
Belair.....	1.35	Ellicott City.....	1.00
Deer Creek.....	1.00	Charleston, S. C.....	1.00
Susquebauna.....	1.45	Berkeley, S. C.....	25
East Baltimore.....	1.00	Mrs. Reese's donation.....	150.00
Washington-Street.....	1.10		
South Baltimore.....	....	
		Total.....	\$312.74

The following charges report that they have paid to local Bible Societies: Laurel, \$6.50; Harper's Ferry, 46 cents; West Baltimore, \$10; Newark, N. J., amount not given; Sussex, amount not given; Ninth-Street, Washington, amount not given.

We recommend the following for Life Directors of the Maryland Bible Society, as designated by Mrs. T. A. Reese: General Richard Thomas, Revs. W. J. D. Lucas and J. M. Brown.

For the other collections we recommend Revs. W. S. Hammond and William G. Holmes, for Life Directors; and Revs. Henry Bruner and F. H. Mullineaux for Life Members. We renew the recommendation of the Bible Committee of last year, that the pastors, instead of paying local agents, bring the contributions of their charges to Conference, that the Church may have both the credit and benefit of such contributions.

S I X T H D A Y .

TUESDAY, March 16th, 1880.

Religious services conducted by W. S. Hammond.

The report of the Committee on Boundaries was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee have carefully and patiently considered the interests of the Church intrusted to them, and report accordingly.

The Quarterly Conference of Warwick Circuit have officially recognized and approved the organization of a church in Wilmington, Delaware, on the 8th of February, 1880, and your Committee recommend its reception as a Methodist Protestant church, and that it be supplied with a minister from this body. Its membership numbers 83.

Your Committee are convinced that it would be wise to discontinue Severn Circuit, as at present constituted, and to distribute the appointments as follows: All Saints, Centralia and Simpsonville to constitute "All Saints Mission;" Patapsco chapel, White Ground and Mount Winans to form "Ellicott City Mission," and Severn and Gideon to be added to Anne Arundel. This meets the approval of the delegates representing the charges interested.

The Quarterly Conference of Campbell Circuit requests that Mount Carmel and Bethel appointments be detached and formed into a new circuit, to be called "South Side Circuit," and that Marysville, Pleasant Grove and Oak Grove constitute "Campbell Circuit." The ex-President has expressed his approval of this arrangement, and your Committee assent and recommend it.

A communication from Chincoteague, over the signatures of six of the prominent members of the Church, informs us of the death of five of their most active and substantial co-workers, and of their inability longer to sustain the present relation to the Conference, and asking to be united to the circuit on the main at Franklin City. Your Committee have canvassed this application thoroughly, and they unanimously agree that it would seriously cripple Franklin City Circuit, and impair the efficiency of the minister in charge of that circuit, to grant this request. It is represented to us that there are 600 children in the Sunday-school on Chincoteague, and that the future of the Church depends upon the attention bestowed upon this important and interesting nursery of the Church. We therefore cordially and earnestly recommend that Chincoteague be supplied with an unmarried man, and one who takes much interest in Sunday schools, and that the Conference assist, for the present, in supporting him. We think 100 dollars would be judiciously appropriated to assist this charge.

The President's Report recommends that Potomac and Guilford Circuits be united. This has met with such determined opposition from Potomac Circuit, which claims to have made rapid and satisfactory progress since the division, and all of which would be sacrificed by reuniting them, that your Committee deem it imprudent to jeopardize this success by assenting to the recommendation, but think it more prudent to allow them to remain as at present.

The President's Report further recommends that the fragment consisting of Cambridge Circuit be added to Dorchester, and that Beulah be detached from Dorchester and added to Preston Mission. This arrangement is resisted by both Dorchester and Preston Mission. The former is unwilling to part with Beulah, unless they desire to sever the connexion; and the latter is unwilling to receive Beulah, and has so spoken through the Quarterly Conference. It is evident that at this time they are not prepared for the change, and your Committee advise that the present status be maintained.

The Second Sub-District Conference have recommended that Milford, Harrington and Greenwood be constituted "Milford Mission," and the recommendation coming from so reliable a source, we cheerfully acquiesce, and commend it to the Conference.

The Quarterly Conference of Newtown Circuit request the Conference to change their name to "Pocomoke City," and we so recommend.

In so important a matter as the rearranging of fields of labor, it is impossible for a committee to act as intelligently as it should without time; the thorough knowledge of the demand and supply of these various fields of labor; and the knowledge of the means at the disposal of the Conference to make effective the recommendations of the Committee. It is impossible for the Committee to compass all these in the brief time allowed, and this must furnish an excuse for the Committee if they have erred in their judgment.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was amended by *italicizing* every word referring to Mrs. R. B. Hayes, and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the subject of Temperance, respectfully beg leave to report that there is nothing in the present aspect of the temperance movement to discourage its friends; but, on the contrary, more than at any previous time, to cheer our hearts, and stimulate us to greater activity and zeal in the prosecution of our great work. Many of the counties of Maryland within the limits of this Conference District have, by popular vote, banished the sale of intoxicating drinks from their borders, and others are now preparing to do the same. The decrease in criminal cases in those counties has been such as to attract the attention of the courts, and to elicit the favorable comments of judges. In no single instance, we believe, has an appeal to the ballot been adverse to the principles of temperance, thus showing that the people are abundantly able to take care of themselves when the opportunity is given.

The one great obstacle to entire success is found in the antagonism of our great commercial centres, based, in a large measure, upon the erroneous notion that the prohibition of the traffic therein would prove disastrous to their prosperity. Yet it may be well suggested that a prosperity based upon the suffering and misery, inseparable from the traffic in alcoholic liquors, must needs stand upon a most flimsy foundation; and the question whether the diminution in the cost of governing such cities would not enable them to offer inducements to trade far superior to any that can be presented by the liquor traffic, is worthy of thoughtful consideration.

The enemies of temperance allege that the inefficiency of law founded on "local option" should justify its repeal: that liquor can be bought in any locality where local option prevails, and that a law which is not and cannot be enforced had better be repealed.

This argument would sweep from the statutes every vestige of criminal law; for, notwithstanding the existence of laws against larceny, burglary and murder, these crimes are common. Would the repeal of such laws make these crimes less prevalent? No one, we think, would wish to try the rash experiment.

It is truly a source of congratulation that by a decision of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that this dangerous and destructive traffic has been placed on its true foundation. It can no longer be claimed that the advocates of temperance interfere with the rights of those engaged in it, as it is held by the Court that the license confers no right, but simply a privilege.

The only paper that has come before your Committee is an appeal from the Woman's Temperance Union of this District, asking this Conference to instruct the pastors, trustees and members of the churches therein to send in to the proper authorities their protests against the issuing of licenses to traffic in alcoholic liquors. This is accompanied by a copy of the law, which regulates the traffic and gives the right of protest to the citizen.

It would be an inexcusable omission if we should fail to mention in this report our high appreciation of the course of that noble and godly woman who presides at the Presidential mansion, and whose consistent and heroic example in banishing from the festive board all intoxicating liquors, is destined, we trust, to exert a powerful influence on all classes of society.

Such heroism deserves our warmest commendation, and such Christian consistency our Divine Master will bless.

Your Committee beg leave to offer the following:

Resolved, 1st, That we find no reason to be discouraged in our efforts to promote temperance in this Conference District, but rather much to call forth our gratitude to God for what He hath wrought in our midst.

2d, That the key to final success is the democratic doctrine of local option—the simple principle that the majority shall rule.

3d, That we will resist, with all our power and influence, any attempt to repeal the local option law where it prevails, and labor earnestly and faithfully to secure it where it does not.

4th, That the thanks of this Conference are due to Mrs. R. B. Hayes for her consistent and courageous course in sustaining the principle of total abstinence in her high position, and in the face of difficulties arising from custom and fashion, and we do pray God to bless her abundantly, and make her example potent for good to the whole nation.

5th, That we will not relax our efforts or prayers in behalf of temperance until final success is attained; and we recommend a more frequent presentation of the subject by our pastors to their respective charges.

6th, That we sympathize with the Woman's Temperance Union of the District of Columbia, and cheerfully accede to their request, and urge upon our pastors and people resident therein to co-operate in all suitable efforts to prevent the issuing of license to sell in said District.

7th, Resolved, That while we humbly acknowledge our dependence upon the Great Head of the Church for success, we do not mean to fold our hands and wait for it; but we mean to pray for it, and work for it until we attain it.

The Faculty of Instruction made an additional report, which was adopted, as follows:

The Faculty of Instruction request the Conference to recommend to the Board of Ministerial Education for benefits, Horace G. Cowan.

They also suggest that Charles Reese Blades and Samuel Franklin Cassen be recommended to the Board when they shall pass the *required* literary examination.

They recommend that John D. McFaden be left without an appointment at his own request.

L. W. BATES.

The report of the Missionary Steward was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD.

CHARGES.	FOR MARYLAND CONFERENCE— HOME MISSIONS.				FOR G. B. OF H. AND F. MISSIONS.	
	Assessm't.	Collection.	Deficiency	Excess.	Assessm't.	Collection.
Accomac.....	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$5.00	.....	\$3.75	\$2.40
Alexandria.....	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	6.25	5.00
Anne Arundel.....	54.00	23.10	30.90	.....	11.25	.....
Baltimore.....	40.00	15.00	25.00	.....	10.00	5.00
Bedford.....	42.00	15.00	27.00	.....	7.50	5.50
Belair.....	54.00	17.38	36.62	.....	10.00	6.30
Cambridge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.75	.....
Campbell.....	15.00	15.00	.....	.....	3.25	3.25
Caroline.....	35.00	11.40	23.60	.....	15.00	26.74
Cecil.....	35.00	14.00	21.00	.....	7.50	2.25
Centreville.....	42.00	43.75	.....	\$1.75	7.50	5.18

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD—Continued.

CHARGES.	FOR MARYLAND CONFERENCE— HOME MISSIONS.				FOR G. B. OF H. AND F. MISSIONS.	
	Assessm't.	Collection.	Deficiency	Excess.	Assessm't.	Collection.
Chesapeake	\$21.00	\$10.00	\$11.00	.....	\$5.00	\$5.00
Chestertown.....	70.00	48.00	22.00	.....	8.75	5.00
Chincoteague.....	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	1.25	2.00
Clayton.....	20.00	20.00	.....	.....	5.00	3.22
Concord.....	17.00	16.85	.15	.....	7.50	.....
Crumpton.....	10.00	10.00	.....	.....	3.75	1.00
Cumberland.....	30.00	8.00	22.00	.....	6.25	7.50
Deer Creek.....	15.00	15.00	.....	.....	3.75	2.00
Dorchester.....	35.00	47.10	.....	\$12.10	8.75	2.50
East Baltimore.....	85.00	28.00	57.00	.....	11.25	.....
Easton.....	68.00	40.00	28.00	.....	10.00	10.00
Ellicott City.....	18.00	5.00	13.00	.....	2.50	2.00
Eutaw.....	30.00	15.50	14.50	.....	5.00	11.75
Fawn Grove.....	25.00	11.00	14.00	.....	7.50	2.00
Finksburg	35.00	30.00	5.00	.....	10.00	10.00
First Ch., Washington..	45.00	13.00	32.00	.....	8.75	8.00
First Ch., Pittsburgh, Pa.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklin City.....	18.00	10.92	7.08	.....	5.00	2.00
Frederick Circuit.....	42.00	42.00	.....	.....	12.50	13.20
Frederick City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....
Georgetown (*supports a missiona ry.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	†11.50
Guilford.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	.....	2.50	.50
Hampden.....	15.00	15.00	.....	.....	3.75	2.00
Harper's Ferry.....	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	2.50	.51
Heathsville.....	17.00	15.00	2.00	.....	5.00	5.00
Howard.....	42.00	42.00	.....	.....	12.50	12.50
Jefferson.....	40.00	40.00	.....	.....	10.00	55.00
Kennedyville.....	10.00	10.00	.....	.....	2.50	†9.00
Kent Island.....	15.00	12.40	2.60	.....	5.00	.67
Laurel.....	25.00	4.00	21.00	.....	7.50	1.00
Leipsic	15.00	10.00	5.00	.....	5.00	5.00
Liberty.....	42.00	25.00	17.00	.....	12.50	20.00
Lynchburg.....	42.00	42.00	.....	.....	11.25	63.00
Middlebrook.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.75	.....
Middleway.....	15.00	5.38	9.62	.....	3.75	3.00
Milton.....	15.00	8.75	6.25	.....	5.00	1.75
Montgomery, Ala.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.75	.....
Newark	40.00	10.34	29.66	.....	11.25	11.50
Newtown.....	40.00	14.50	25.50	.....	10.00	5.00
Ninth St., Washington..	30.00	5.00	25.00	.....	8.75	.....
Norfolk.....	10.00	10.00	.....	.....	3.75	.....
N. W. Mission, Balt....	35.00	35.60	.....	.60	3.75	†11.45
N C. Ave., Washington.	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....
Piedmont.....	15.00	.....	15.00	.....	3.75	.....
Pipe Creek.....	55.00	18.00	37.00	.....	10.00	10.00
Pocomoke	30.00	10.00	20.00	.....	6.25	3.00
Potomac.....	10.00	10.00	.....	.....	3.75	†5.00
Preston.....	20.00	1.55	18.45	.....	3.75	1.06
Quantico.....	20.00	7.00	13.00	.....	5.00	2.00
Queen Anne's.....	35.00	15.08	19.92	.....	6.25	7.00

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD—Continued.

CHARGES.	FOR MARYLAND CONFERENCE— HOME MISSIONS.				FOR G. B. OF H. AND F. MISSIONS.	
	Assessm't.	Collection.	Deficiency	Excess.	Assessm't.	Collection.
Rainsburg	\$10.00	\$6.05	\$3.95	.....	\$5.00	\$10.25
Rowlandsville	15.00	20.50	.....	\$5.50	3.75	3.11
Salisbury	5.00	2.39	2.61	.....	3.75	4.60
Seaford	20.00	10.55	9.45	.....	5.00	3.27
Severn	15.00	6.00	9.00	.....	2.50	.70
Snow Hill	15.00	4.31	10.69	.....	3.75	.....
Somerset	46.00	25.00	21.00	.....	7.50	21.00
South Baltimore	30.00	9.00	21.00	.....	6.25	2.61
Starr Church, Balt.	105.00	81.00	24.00	.....	12.50	20.00
Stewartstown	38.00	38.00	.....	.....	7.50	5.75
St. James	50.00	50.00	.....	.....	8.75	5.00
St. John's	50.00	.....	50.00	.....	12.50	.....
St. Michael's	28.00	25.25	2.75	.....	5.00	2.00
Surry	20.00	2.28	17.72	.....	2.50	2.28
Susquehanna	46.00	16.26	29.74	.....	8.75	14.50
Sussex	10.00	12.00	.....	2.00	2.50	2.00
Talbot	35.00	15.00	20.00	.....	6.25	10.00
Union	25.00	4.00	21.00	.....	6.25	2.25
Warwick	50.00	40.89	9.11	.....	11.25	16.08
Washington-St., Balt. ...	34.00	11.25	22.75	.....	7.50	1.50
West Baltimore	54.00	54.00	.....	.....	10.00	57.92
Westminster	100.00	27.55	72.45	.....	12.50	4.79
Whaleyville	25.00	10.00	15.00	.....	10.00	5.00
Williamsport	18.00	5.00	13.00	.....	2.50	2.00
Berkeley, S. C. ....	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	1.00
Charleston, S. C. ....	.....	4.00	.....	4.00	.....	1.50
	\$2,433.00	\$1,403.88	\$1,056.07	\$26.95	\$569.50	\$594.34
Collection of Dues		65.00				
Sale of Minutes		4.10				
Charleston, S. C., 1879		31.50				
Bal. left in hands of Steward ..		.34				

Total collection.....\$1,504.82

MISSIONS.	Appropri'ns.	Paid.	Deficiency.
Deficiency of 1878	\$917.26	\$917.26	.....
Chincoteague	100.00	53.50	\$46.50
Harper's Ferry	100.00	53.50	46.50
Norfolk	250.00	133.75	116.25
Northwest Mission, Baltimore	150.00	80.25	69.75
Potomac	50.00	26.75	23.25
Severn	225.00	123.02	101.98
St. Michael's	150.00	80.25	69.75
Sussex	50.00	26.75	23.25
Totals	\$1,992.26	\$1,495.03	\$497.23
Paid E. R. McGregor, collection from Middleway ...		5.38	
Per cent., \$0.534.			\$1,500.41

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD—*Continued.*

<i>EXHIBIT—HOME MISSIONS.</i>		Dr.	Cr.
Cash from Charges.....		\$1,403.88	
“ “ Dues.....		65.00	
“ Balance left in hands of Steward, 1879.....		.34	
“ from Sale of Minutes.....		4.10	
“ “ Charleston, S. C, 1879.....		31.50	
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		\$1,504.82	
Paid Deficiencies of 1878, per Treasurer.....			\$312.54
“ “ “ per Steward.....			604.72
“ Book Concern for Certificates.....			4.00
“ for Stamps for Treasurer.....			.41
“ Missionaries of 1879.....			577.77
“ E. R. McGregor, collection from Middleway.....			5.38
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			\$1,504.82
<i>EXHIBIT—HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.</i>			
Total Collections in District.....		\$594.34	
Paid Secretary by Charges.....			\$243.61
“ C. H. Williams by Steward.....			350.73
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			\$594.34

To be used for *Foreign Missions only*, \$61.95.

*Georgetown pays its Missionary \$410.00.

†For Foreign Missions only.

‡\$5 for Foreign Missions only, by Miss Hannah Stevenson.

\$20 were raised by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of West Baltimore Station.

\$11.50 were raised by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Georgetown.

A. W. MATHER, *Missionary Steward.*

The report of the Committee on Supplies Outside of the District was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Supply of Churches Outside of Maryland District recommend:

1st. That the request of 1st Church, Pittsburgh, for the reappointment of Dr. J. J. Murray, be granted.

2d. That the request of St John's Ind. Meth. Prot. Church, Baltimore, for the reappointment of Rev. Thos. H. Lewis, be granted.

3d. That the request of Heathsville Circuit, Va., for the reappointment of Rev. R. L. Lewis, and for an assistant pastor, be granted.

4th. That the request of Montgomery Station., Ala., for pastoral supply, be granted.

5th. That all charges supplied by the Maryland Conference shall be required to contribute to the Superannuated Fund Collection.

6th. That the names of the pastors appointed to Heathsville, Va., be enrolled in Sub-District No. 3.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was adopted, as follows:

We recognize, with intense gratitude to the Giver of all good, the fact that increased interest is being manifested in the children of the Church through the Sabbath schools, and recommend that more earnest effort be made in this great work.

We recommend that the resolution in reference to the formation of Juvenile

Missionary Societies be more strictly adhered to, and that a portion of the money secured by this means be used in mission school work.

We recommend a more practical regard for the resolution contained in the Manual, p. 76, in reference to special service for children, be had, and that the proposed convention of Sabbath schools be held during the present year.

Resolved, That this Conference recommend to the Jackson Grove Camp-Meeting Association co-operation with the Corresponding Secretary of Sabbath Schools in establishing a Sabbath School Assembly at the camp ground.

We recommend a persistent effort on the part of pastors to introduce the literature of our own Church in their respective schools, and that such schools as have library books that have been laid aside and are not used, notify the Corresponding Secretary of the fact, and that he be requested to have the same utilized, as far as possible, in mission work.

We recommend a more efficient system of government in our schools.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read, and after an address by J. B. Walker, Corresponding Secretary, the report was adopted, as follows :

The Committee on Ministerial Education report that the Board of Ministerial Education is composed of seven members, chosen by the General Conference, and is charged with the duty of assisting worthy young men who may be recommended by their respective Annual Conferences.

Your Committee find by the report of the last Annual Council that about seventy men, up to this time, have been assisted, about fifty of whom are now in the active work of the ministry.

It is also reported that there are thirty young men now in our two Colleges studying for the ministry, twenty at Adrian and ten at Western Md. College, nearly half of whom are being aided by this Board. This Conference has now five young men who are being aided by the Board, and other applicants are being examined, in view of being recommended.

The contributions of this Conference for the past year, as reported, we find amount to some six hundred or more dollars.

In view of the good work being accomplished in this department, we recommend that this Conference heartily endorse the effort of the Board of Ministerial Education, and recommend that collections for the purpose of assisting in this noble work be taken up in all the churches of the Conference District. As the Corresponding Secretary of the Board is present, we also recommend that the Conference hear his statement.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted, as follows :

Your Committee on Foreign Missions report that we find the work of missions under the care of the General Board, under the departments of Home and Foreign Missions. The missions in the home field are as follows: Adrian, Michigan, Rev. Judson Swift, missionary; Southern Mississippi, Rev. A. H. Widney, missionary; Stockton, California, Rev. S. A. Baker, D. D., missionary; Ottawa, Kansas, Rev. John Baldwin, missionary; Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. R. S. McGarrity, missionary.

An appropriation has also been made to aid the Indian missions in West Michigan, and several Indian missionaries are doing a good work among their own people in that country. All these Home Missions are enjoying a good degree of success.

In the Foreign department the Board of Missions has under its care, in connection with the "Women's Union Missionary Society" of New York, eighteen native girls in the Mission Home and School in Yokohama, Japan, who are under training for Bible readers and missionaries among the people of their native land.

We are pleased especially to learn that the Board of Missions has recently appointed Miss L. M. Guthrie—with whom we became so favorably acquainted

at our Conference a year ago—as the first missionary of the Methodist Protestant Church in Japan; and arrangements have been made for her to enter upon her work at once, and she will leave for Japan early next month. In this work the Board has been aided by the “Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church,” who have assumed the payment of Miss Guthrie’s salary, the Board assuming all other expenses.

It is the purpose of the Board to supplement the labors of Miss Guthrie at as early a day as possible, by sending to her aid another lady of large experience and eminent abilities as a foreign missionary, whose services are now available for that purpose.

In view of these facts, and the many important fields opening up for extended missionary work on the part of our Church, we recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, 1st, That the same apportionment be made to the several charges of the Conference for Foreign Missions as was made last year, and the pastors be urged to collect the same, as provided by the requirements of the Discipline.

Resolved, 2d, That the pastors be directed to use their influence and efforts to enlist the interest of the women and children of the Church in the cause of missions, and, as far as practicable, organize women’s, and also children’s missionary societies among the churches and Sabbath-schools under their charge; and to aid in this work, we recommend the use of the missionary boxes provided by the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, or similar boxes, by introducing the same into the Sabbath-schools and families of the Church.

C. H. Williams, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, addressed the Conference.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to the women of the Maryland Conference the formation of branch and auxiliary societies to co-operate with the Women’s Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Resolved, That this action shall rescind the plan proposed at the last Annual Conference.

Resolved, That the monies received from the auxiliary societies of the Maryland Conference, at this session, be paid to the Women’s Foreign Missionary Society.

The report of the Committee on Statistics was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

CHARGES.	Members.	Probation'rs.	Colored Members.	Members Received.	Members Withdrawn.	Members Removed.	Members Discontinued.	Increase of Members.	Decrease of Members.	Members Deceased.	Ministers Unstationed.	Preachers.	Names of Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.
Accomac.....	215	9	...	33	...	...	...	33	...	1	...	...
Alexandria.....	190	10	...	78	2	4	3	66	...	3	...	...
Anne Arundel.....	210	50	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baltimore.....	249	12	...	1	...	25	7	...	33	1	1	1	Joshua Cain, J. B. Mitchell.
Bedford.....	125	7	...	7	...	4	...	7	...	1	1	...	John Growden.
Belair.....	189	18	...	44	...	7	...	35	...	2	1	...	A. H. Greenfield.
Campbell.....	168	9	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
Cambridge.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Caroline.....	525	44	...	...	5	...	16	117	...	4	1	1	J Irvin, G. W. Beroman.
Cecil.....	240	50	...	60	2	1	...	60	...	...	...	...
Centreville.....	121	15	...	18	...	...	17	1	...	1	...	1	Wm. E. Thompson.
Chesapeake.....	85	1	...	10	...	...	...	10	...	1	...	1	T. M. Pinkind.
Clayton.....	168	33	...	20	2	2	35	12	...	2	...	1	Samuel J. Sparke.
Chestertown.....	114	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...
Chincoteague.....	50	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	9	4	...	...
Concord.....	136	...	...	...	...	...	43	...	...	...	...	...
Crumpton.....	81	4	...	18	4	...	2	13	...	1	...	...
Cumberland.....	157	3	...	8	...	5	15	...	11	2	...	...
Deer Creek.....	85	3	...	11	...	9	23	...	23	2	...	...
Dorchester.....	310	22	...	30	6	...	...	15	...	5	...	...
East Baltimore.....	200	...	...	6	1	1	...	2	...	2	...	...
Easton.....	151	11	...	42	12	31	11	7	...	2	1	1	T. J. Slaughter, C. H. Hughes.
Ellicott City.....	100	...	...	44	2	2	...	40	...	...	...	...
Eutaw.....	81	7	...	24	1	...	3	...	20	...	...	...
Fawn Grove.....	320	11	...	33	2	...	20	5	...	2	1	1	T. H. Cathcart, Thos. H. Wright.
Finksburg.....	365	50	...	74	...	...	35	14	...	1	...	1	H. L. Shipley.
First Church, Washington.....	179	4	...	21	2	1	2	12	...	3	
Franklin City.....	180	4	...	51	1	2	6	51	1	James Holdskom.

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CHARGES.	Members.	Probation'rs.	Colored Members.	Members Received.	Members Withdrawn.	Members Removed.	Members Discontinued.	Increase of Members.	Decrease of Members.	Members Deceased.	Ministers Unstationed.	Preachers.	Names of Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.
Frederick City.....				18		2				3			[W. Edwards.
Frederick.....	502	19		23	1	11	14	12		5	2	2	J. Day, G. F. Kindley, C. F. Purdum,
Georgetown.....	279			20			14	6		5	1		P. H. Sweet.
Guilford.....	33	3		2		1		6					
Hampden.....	227	4		103	2		12	92		1		2	J. Bauchman, I. J. Crowther.
Harper's Ferry.....	87	1		2	1	11							
Howard.....	355			22	4	30	10		41	10	1	1	R. Vansant, Z. M. Waters.
Jefferson.....	84			4	3	2				2	1		A. Baker.
Kennedyville.....	105			51	1	1		50		3			
Kent Island.....	159	12		17	1	5	4	5		2		2	J. J. Taylor, W. K. White.
Laurel.....	174	30		34		2		31		2			
Liberty.....	229	9		16		4		7		3	1		W. H. Todd.
Leipsic.....	84			15			4	11				2	W. T. Potter, J. Sipple, J. Richardson.
Lynchburg.....	237	2		6	3				5	9			
Middlebrook.....	125			30				29		1	2	2	J. W. Gibson, L. Squires, J. R. Buch-
Middleway.....	121	1		32	1		5	26		1			[anan, J. L. Lockridge.
Milton.....	215			15			5	8		2		1	W. F. Conaway.
Newark.....	304	39		70	10	8	20	45		4	1	1	Luke Morris, Dan'l Smith.
Newtown.....	176	11		12		1	6	1		3	1		Wm. Dale.
Ninth-Street, Washington.....	142			9	1	5	3			4			
Norfolk.....	40	1		15	5	1	2	13					
North Carolina Avenue.....	48	8				1	12						
Northwest Mission.....	80			22	8		4	9		1	1		H. T. Gernhardt.
Pipe Creek.....	275	5		27	5		5	21		1		1	F. A. Naille.
Pocomoke.....	181			11				9		2	1		J. H. McGrath.
Potomac.....	100	30		32			5	27					H. Bell, H. Dye.
Preston.....	199			8				8				1	John Rumbold.
Quantico.....	192			12		1		11				2	F. Robertson, E. P. Roberts.

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Minutes of the

CHARGES.	Number of Parsonages.	Number of Churches.	Church Periodicals.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Church Debts.	Number of Sunday Schools.	Officers of S. Schools.	Teachers of S. Schools.	Scholars of Sunday Schools.	Our Morning Guide taken.	Bible School taken.	Other S. S. Papers taken.	Volumes in Library.	Conversions.
Accomac.....	1	2	13	\$3,800.00	.....	2	12	24	187	....	100	9	602	32
Alexandria.....	1	1	13	12,500.00	.....	1	4	17	148	100	100	.....	400	10
Anne Arundel.....	1	4	25	11,500.00	.....	2	5	20	100	25	.....	111	400	1
Baltimore.....	1	4	5	3,500.00	\$727.50	5	23	40	290	....	200	.....	500	4
Bedford.....	1	5	13	7,000.00	150.00	5	20	40	196	10	40	15	450	.....
Belair.....	1	3	24	8,000.00	.....	4	17	36	240	50	.....	.....	400	8
Campbell.....	.....	5	20	3,500.00	.....	2	6	10	93	....	25	.....	158	3
Cambridge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caroline.....	1	8	.....	13,000.00	250.00	8	29	66	470	50	130	.....	1,390	.....
Cecil.....	1	5	20	11,800.00	100.00	5	15	36	400	....	150	.....	1,075	12
Centreville.....	1	1	.....	11,000.00	.....	1	4	13	110	....	100	67	500	17
Chesapeake.....	1	2	120	7,000.00	.....	2	5	15	125	....	125	.....	150	7
Clayton.....	.....	3	11	2,000.00	.....	3	13	15	156	....	93	.....	436	.....
Chestertown.....	1	1	32	7,000.00	.....	1	6	27	202	....	100	.....	400	.....
Chincoteague.....	1	1	.....	1,100.00	.....	1	3	8	50	....	.....	.....	100	2
Concord.....	1	4	14	6,000.00	.....	2	5	10	52	8	75	.....	100	.....
Crumpton.....	.....	2	10	2,600.00	365.00	2	6	12	135	12	.....	.....	175	6
Cumberland.....	1	1	4	10,000.00	.....	1	9	17	195	....	50	60	200	.....
Deer Creek.....	.....	2	10	3,000.00	.....	2	7	12	150	85	.....	120	220	5
Dorchester.....	1	6	16	10,000.00	.....	6	18	36	260	35	200	35	400	4
East Baltimore.....	1	1	125	25,000.00	.....	1	7	26	170	....	100	.....	500	4
Easton.....	1	1	31	15,000.00	.....	1	7	30	160	....	125	.....	300	23
Ellicott City.....	.....	2	4	1,700.00	.....	3	20	25	200	....	.....	.....	430	30
Eutaw.....	1	1	11	4,800.00	155.00	1	4	9	139	....	100	65	.....	14
Fawn Grove.....	1	4	9	8,000.00	.....	4	20	34	300	....	50	.....	650	18
Finksburg.....	.....	7	.....	16,500.00	500.00	7	.....	72	550	....	205	.....	1,200	.....
First Church, Washington.....	1	1	8	10,000.00	1,375.00	1	8	10	147	100	350	2
Franklin City.....	4	3	1,700.00	34.00	2	9	17	90	10	16

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CHARGES.	Number of Parsonages.	Number of Churches.	Church Periodicals.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Church Debts.	Number of Sunday Schools.	Officers of S. Schools.	Teachers of S. Schools.	Scholars of Sunday Schools.	Our Morning Guide taken.	Bible School taken.	Other S. S. Papers taken.	Volumes in Library.	Conversions.
St. Michael's.....	1	2	18	\$4,000.00	.....	1	1	2	12	....	20	.....	250	.....
Starr.....	1	1	23	43,000.00	.....	1	7	36	459	17	250	75	460	19
South Baltimore.....	1	1	30	21,000.00	.....	1	8	24	154	....	150	.....	250	4
Stewartstown.....	1	4	18	8,000.00	.....	3	21	29	220	50	150	100	953	36
Susquehanna.....	1	3	130	10,000.00	.....	3	10	24	168	....	100	4	790	.....
Surry.....	.....	2	15	2,500.00	\$95.00	1	5	6	47	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sussex.....	.....	2	10	2,000.00	.....	4	6	16	100	....	112	.....	200	2
Talbot.....	1	3	19	5,000.00	.....	2	10	19	203	....	175	.....	350	30
Union.....	1	5	20	7,500.00	.....	6	24	56	275	....	.....	100	1,600	6
Washington-Street.....	1	1	36	16,000.00	.....	1	7	22	228	....	150	.....	250	.....
Warwick.....	1	4	33	9,000.00	.....	3	6	23	176	....	50	.....	500	27
Westminster.....	1	1	40	18,400.00	.....	1	9	18	133	....	60	78	289	16
West Baltimore.....	.....	1	29	13,000.00	.....	1	2	6	20	....	.....	.....	350	2
Whaleyville.....	.....	8	16	6,350.00	.....	6	12	48	400	....	.....	.....	800	5
Williamsport.....	.....	5	7	5,000.00	.....	2	6	15	84	....	25	.....	150	.....
Wilmington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Colored.</i>														
Berkeley.....	.....	4	.....	500 00	100.00	7	6	17	173	....	1	.....	.....	17
Charleston.....	.....	2	.....	2,000.00	.....	2	2	7	194	....	.....	12	350	23
	45	218	1,385	\$688,375.00	\$17.850	176	753	1833	13,794	1087	6,082	1,502	32,630	632

S. T. FERGUSON, Committee on Statistics.

The report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Superannuated Claimants beg leave to report as follows:
For the Conference Superannuated Collection we report the following appropriations upon the disciplinary basis:

Thomas Lee.....	\$400	Mrs. Catharine Roby.....	\$200
H. J. Day.....	500	" Elizabeth Boyd.....	200
J. A. McFaden.....	550	" C. A. Read.....	250
J. H. Ellegood.....	400	" S. G. Wilson.....	200
Mrs. Wm. C. Ames.....	350	" T. M. Bryan.....	200
" S. G. Valiant.....	200	J. W. Everist.....	200
" G. D. Hamilton.....	200	Mrs. A. S. Eversole.....	200
" John Roberts.....	300	" A. M. Bowers.....	300
" D. E. Reese.....	200	" M. A. Varden.....	200
" L. A. Collins.....	200	Dr. D. F. Ewell.....	450
" M. A. Eversole.....	450	Mrs. W. T. Wright.....	200
" M. H. Whiteside.....	200	W. T. Dumm.....	500
" Ann Greenaway.....	250	I. T. Adkins.....	400
" F. G. Wright.....	200		

Your Committee further report the following claimants upon the appropriations of the income from the Superannuated Fund Society for the coming year:

Thos. Lee.....	\$150	Mrs. F. G. Wright.....	\$75
H. J. Day.....	125	" Catharine Roby.....	150
J. A. McFaden.....	250	" Elizabeth Boyd.....	125
J. H. Ellegood.....	175	" C. A. Read.....	75
Mrs. Wm. C. Ames.....	325	" S. J. Wilson.....	125
" S. G. Valiant.....	75	" T. M. Bryan.....	150
" G. D. Hamilton.....	150	" A. M. Bowers.....	125
" J. Roberts.....	250	Dr. D. F. Ewell.....	225
" D. E. Reese.....	250	Mrs. Wm. T. Wright.....	125
" L. A. Collins.....	125	W. T. Dumm.....	300
" M. A. Eversole.....	225	J. W. Everist.....	100
" M. H. Whiteside.....	100	I. T. Adkins.....	100
" Ann Greenaway.....	125		

The Committee, having had under consideration the suggestion made by the ex-President, in his annual report, would recommend that pastors be enjoined to use their best exertions to increase the contributions to the Superannuated Fund of the Conference.

Conference adjourned to 7 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Religious services conducted by R. S. Rowe.

The report of the Committee on Literature was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee respectfully report the following:

In the Report of the Book Concern we note the following items:

The reliable capital of that department amounts to \$3,186.05.

The circulation of *The Methodist Protestant* is at present greater than at any time since 1860. New subscriptions now average 100 per month. The number of paying subscribers amount to 3,459. Net increase during the past fiscal year, 202. The number printed weekly is 3,840.

The managers of the Book Concern suggest that as the ensuing Conference year will be the 50th anniversary of our Church periodical, the Conference mark the event by an extra effort to increase the subscriptions by at least 1,000 during the year above the normal number.

The Bible School is a success, its circulation being at present 20,000 copies per

month. The Sunday school lessons, in the form of the "Leaf," accompanied by the "Monthly Journal" and the "Weekly Leaf," supplemental to *The Bible School*, are patronized by our Church to a most satisfactory extent.

At his own suggestion, the editor's salary has been reduced \$300 per annum.

The sales by our Book Agent during the past six years, during the existence of the contract between him and the Book Directory, have been gradually on the increase from \$1,181 in 1874 and '75, to \$2,283 in 1879 and '80, the whole amount being \$11,936; and the arrangement has inured to the advantage of the Book Concern more than \$1,800 in the items of rent, etc., and to our preachers about 7 per cent. on their purchases over the previous arrangement. We note in this contract the item, that when the gross sales of our copyright publications, Sunday-school books and general school books shall amount to \$5,000, the agent is to pay 10 per centum of the same to the Book Concern, and 5 per centum on general school books, in excess of the \$5,000, on condition that the sales are made through the influence of our Church members.

In review we recommend,

1. That the Report of the Book Concern be adopted and placed on file, with the thanks of the Conference to the President and Directors for their skillful management of the same.

2. That the Conference in this way express full satisfaction with the editorial management of *The Methodist Protestant*, and the conduct of the Book Concern by the agent, W. J. C. Dulany, and congratulate our Church on the prosperous condition of the department of our general literature; and that the Conference do all in their power to secure the extra 1,000 subscriptions needed to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of our Church paper.

3. That the Conference endorse and commend to our people our own Church literature, viz: *The Methodist Protestant*, *The Methodist Recorder*, *The Bible School*, *Bible School Journal*, *Lesson Leaf*, the *Morning Guide*, *Child's Recorder* and *Sunday School*.

4. That in this manner the Conference recommend to the patronage of our people *The Methodist Protestant Missionary* and *The Methodist Protestant Magazine*, as embracing fields not occupied by our periodicals.

Finally, your Committee recommend that this Annual Conference suggest to its delegates to the ensuing General Conference to advocate—1. That a separate department be made of all our Sunday-school literature, with an editor to conduct it. 2. That all our Church publishing interests be consolidated under the management of one Board, selected from different sections of the Church. 3. That our Church periodicals, *The Protestant* and *Recorder*, be under this management. 4. That if the General Conference shall see proper to adopt the suggestions herein made, the Convention on the Book Concern should seek legislation favorable to the object contemplated, and the Representatives of this Conference are hereby instructed to bring the subject to the notice of the Convention.

The report of the Committee on Finance was adopted, as follows:

ASSESSMENT OF PRESIDENT'S SALARY.			
Charges.	Assessment.	Charges.	Assessment.
Accomac.....	\$15.00	Clayton.....	20.00
Alexandria.....	25.00	Concord.....	25.00
Anne Arundel.....	30.00	Crumpton.....	15.00
Baltimore.....	40.00	Cumberland.....	25.00
Bedford.....	35.00	Deer Creek.....	15.00
Belair.....	40.00	Dorchester.....	35.00
Cambridge.....	15.00	E. Baltimore.....	40.00
Campbell.....	15.00	Easton.....	40.00
Caroline.....	60.00	Ellicott City.....	10.00
Cecil.....	30.00	Eutaw.....	20.00
Centreville.....	35.00	Fawn Grove.....	30.00
Chesapeake.....	20.00	Finksburg.....	40.00
Chestertown.....	35.00	First Church, Washington...	25.00
Chincoteague.....	5.00	Franklin City.....	20.00

<i>Charges.</i>	<i>Assessment.</i>	<i>Charges.</i>	<i>Assessment.</i>
Frederick Circuit.....	50.00	Queen Anne's.....	25.00
Frederick Mission.....	10.00	Rainsburg.....	15.00
Georgetown.....	70.00	Rowlandsville.....	15.00
Guilford.....	5.00	Salisbury.....	15.00
Hampden.....	15.00	Seaford.....	20.00
Harper's Ferry.....	10.00	All Saints.....	10.00
Heathsville.....	20.00	Snow Hill.....	15.00
Howard.....	45.00	Somerset.....	30.00
Jefferson.....	40.00	South Baltimore.....	25.00
Kennedyville.....	10.00	Starr Church.....	50.00
Kent Island.....	20.00	Stewartstown.....	30.00
Laurel.....	30.00	St. James.....	35.00
Leipsic.....	20.00	St. Michael's.....	20.00
Liberty.....	50.00	Surry.....	10.00
Lynchburg.....	50.00	Susquehanna.....	35.00
Middlebrook.....	10.00	Sussex.....	10.00
Middleway.....	15.00	Talbot.....	25.00
Milton.....	20.00	Union.....	25.00
Milford.....	10.00	Warwick.....	45.00
Newark, N. J.....	50.00	Washington-St., Baltimore..	30.00
Pocomoke City.....	40.00	West Baltimore.....	40.00
Nintu-St., Washington.....	35.00	Westminster.....	50.00
Norfolk.....	15.00	Whaleyville.....	40.00
N. W. Mission, Baltimore...	15.00	Williamsport.....	10.00
N. C. Ave., Washington....	10.00	Wilmington.....	10.00
Pipe Creek.....	40.00	South Side.....	8.00
Pocomoke.....	25.00	Charleston, S. C.....	10.00
Potomac.....	15.00	St. John's, Berkeley, S. C...	10.00
Preston.....	15.00		
Quantico.....	20.00	Total.....	\$2,158.00

The Committee on Finance report assessments for the executive department of the Conference, as follows:

President's salary.....	\$1,775.00
Traveling expenses.....	200.00
Ground rent on parsonages.....	56.25
Incidental expenses.....	5.25
Water rent.....	12.60
Repairs of house and furniture.....	106.00

Total..... \$2,158.10

They report further that they have examined the accounts of J. N. Gilbert, Agent of the President's Parsonage Property, and find them correct as compared with vouchers.

We recommend that J. N. Gilbert be continued as agent, with thanks for his services.

The report of the Committee on President's Report was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on the President's Report beg to submit the following recommendation concerning that portion of the President's report referring to affairs on Williamsport Circuit: That the action of the President in authorizing the sale of Clear Spring church, the proceeds to be applied to the payment of the debt due by the Williamsport church, be approved, and that the management of the interests of the Conference and Church in the complications upon that circuit be left to the discretion of the President of the Conference, with authority to act in the premises as may seem to him wise, having in view the proper legal adjustment of existing difficulties, and the best interests of the circuit and Conference.

The following paper was adopted :

The Conference, in order to give effect to the second item of the report of the S. S. Committee, hereby requests the respective superintendents or pastors to pay over to the Corresponding Secretary one-tenth of missionary collections of our Sabbath-schools for founding and supporting mission schools.

SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, March 17th, 1880.

Religious services conducted by J. M. Elderdice.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That our representatives to the General Conference are hereby instructed to vote for a General Convention, to meet at the time and place of the ensuing General Conference.

T. McCormick, Committee on Conference Call on the President of the United States, reported that Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hayes would be happy to receive the Conference at any time between 1½ and 3 P. M.

Partial report of Committee on Missions was adopted, as follows :

That, in view of the demand made by the Virginia Aid Society, through its agent, Dr. Geo. R. Barr, for the immediate payment of \$1,600 indebtedness on the Norfolk church property, assumed, under certain limitations, by the Home Missionary Society of this Conference, to save said property, and perpetuate our ecclesiastical existence in said city, we recommend,

That the Norfolk church property be tendered to the Virginia Aid Society to meet said claim.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Religious services conducted by the President of Conference.

A. C. Berryman was left without an appointment for one year at his own request.

J. J. Murray, S. B. Southerland and T. D. Valiant were appointed to address a letter to the Colored Meth. Prot. Church in Charleston, S. C.

Conference adjourned to meet at 7 P. M., and proceeded in a body to the White House, and were most graciously received by President R. B. Hayes and his excellent wife.

EVENING SESSION.

Religious services conducted by F. H. Mullineaux.

Report of Conference Steward was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD.

CHARGES.	Conference Incidental Collection	Amount of President's Salary Paid.	Salary of Pastor.	Salary of Assistant.	Amount Paid.	Deficiency.	Received from other Sources.
Accomac.....	\$1.35	\$15.00	\$400 00	.....	\$400.00	.....	.....
Alexandria .....	.90	25.00	500 00	.....	527.25	.....	.....
Anne Arundel.....	1.31	38.31	\$52.45	\$200 00	489.73	\$62.72	.....
Baltimore Circuit..	1.00	34.07	800 00	200.00	878.07	121.93	.....
Bedford	1.45	35.00	450 00	.....	425.00	25.00	.....
Belair	1.41	35.50	700 00	.....	645.00	55.00	.....
Cambridge .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Campbell, Va.....	1.75	15.00	212.50	212.00	300.00	125.00	.....
Caroline.....	1.94	60.00	475.00	175.00	650.00	.....	.....
Clayton	1.31	20.00	400.00	.....	403.15	.....	.....
Cecil	2.10	26.00	600 00	.....	600.00	.....	.....
Centreville	1.10	30.00	700 00	.....	700.00	.....	.....
Chesapeake.....	1.40	20.00	530 00	.....	530.00	.....	.....
Chestertown.....	1.40	35.00	.....	.....	628.50	.....	.....
Chincoteague.....	.50	5.00	150 00	.....	150.00	.....	\$20.00
Coneord.....	.36	28.10	400 00	.....	400.00	100.00	.....
Crumpton.....	.50	15.00	350 00	.....	350.00	.....	.....
Cumberland.....	2.45	25.00	500.00	.....	500.00	.....	.....
Deer Creek.....	1.50	15.00	350.00	.....	350.00	.....	.....
Dorchester	2.55	35.00	575.00	175.00	750.00	.....	.....
East Baltimore....	1.00	40.00	800 00	.....	700.00	100.00	.....
Easton	3.50	40.00	800 00	.....	800.00	.....	.....
Ellicott City.....	1.00	10.00	350.00	.....	300.00	50.00	.....
Eutaw.....	1.00	20.00	450.00	.....	400.00	.....	8.00
Fawn Grove.....	1.50	30.00	600 00	.....	600.00	.....	.....
Finksburg.....	2.00	40.00	600 00	200.00	701.67	98.33	50.00
First Ch., Wash'g'n	1.60	35.00	800 00	.....	700.00	100.00	.....
First Ch., Pittsb'g.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklin City.....	1.00	19.50	325.00	.....	325.00	.....	.....
Frederick.....	4.28	40.75	514.21	180.00	709.00	25.21	.....
Frederick City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown, D. C..	7.70	80.00	1,350.00	440.00	1,790.00	.....	.....
Guilford.....	.30	4.16	150.00	.....	58.53	91.47	19.16
Hampden.....	1.28	15.00	400.00	.....	505.50	80.00	.....
Harper's Ferry....	.93	10.00	200.00	.....	151.03	.....	48.92
Heathsville, Va....	1.0	20.00	550.00	.....	403.06	146.94	.....
Howard.....	5.00	50.00	600.00	200.00	800.00	.....	.....
Jefferson.....	2.80	30.00	600.00	.....	600.00	.....	.....
Kennedyville.....	1.50	10.00	200.00	.....	200.00	.....	.....
Kent Island.....	1.10	15.00	400.00	.....	371.50	28.50	.....
Laurel.....	.50	30.00	475.00	.....	475.00	.....	25.00
Leipsic.....	.75	15.00	300.00	.....	350.00	.....	.....
Liberty	4.00	34.00	505.00	.....	404.00	121.00	.....
Lynchburg, Va....	2.50	45.00	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....
Middlebrook.....	.....	2.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middleway .....	.....	15.00	350.00	.....	350.00	.....	45.00
Milton .....	.50	20.00	500.00	.....	375.00	125.00	.....
Montgomery, Ala..	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newark, N. J.....	2.00	45.00	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00	.....	.....
Newtown.....	2.80	30.00	700.00	.....	655.00	45.00	.....
Ninth St., Wash'g'n	1.75	35.00	900.00	.....	775.00	125.00	.....
Norfolk .....	.60	15.00	.....	.....	240.00	.....	390.00
N. W. Mission, Balt.	.05	15.00	500.00	.....	425.00	72.00	35.60

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD—Continued.

CHARGES.	Conference Incidental Collection	Amount of President's Salary Paid.	Salary of Pastor.	Salary of Assistant.	Amount Paid.	Deficiency.	Received from other Sources.
N.C Ave., Wash'g'n	.....	\$15.00	\$480 00	.....	\$377.75	\$102.25	.....
Piedmont.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pipe Creek.....	\$2 00	40.00	650.00	.....	650.00	.....	.....
Pocomoke	1.00	16.00	350 00	.....	353.00	.....	\$34.00
Potomac.....	1.61	10.00	250 00	.....	250.00	.....	50.00
Preston.....	1.00	15.00	300 00	.....	310.00	.....	.....
Quantico.....	1.20	20.00	300 00	.....	250.00	50.00	.....
Queen Anne's.....	2 00	25.00	250 00	.....	250.00	.....	.....
Rainsburg.....	1.00	20.00	150 00	.....	150.00	.....	.....
Rowlandsville....	1.65	15.00	400 00	.....	326.74	73.26	.....
Salisbury.....	1.00	15.00	400.00	.....	400.00	.....	.....
Seaford.....	1.00	17.60	500.00	.....	500.00	.....	.....
Severn.....	.25	5.00	315.00	.....	274.16	40.84	20.00
Snow Hill.....	1.00	10.25	250 00	.....	230.00	20.00	100.00
Somerset.....	2.00	30.00	675.00	.....	700.00	.....	.....
South Baltimore...	1.00	15.00	800.00	.....	525.48	274.52	50.00
Starr.....	3.62	50.00	1,200 00	.....	1,200.00	.....	.....
Stewartstown.....	3.00	30.00	575.00	.....	575.00	.....	.....
St. James.....	1.50	35.00	500.00	.....	500.00	.....	.....
St. John's I.M.P.C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Michael's.....	1.00	20.60	400.00	.....	400.00	.....	190.00
Surry, Va.....	1.13	10.00	350.00	.....	311.07	38.93	.....
Susquehanna.....	1.96	35 00	550.00	.....	550.00	.....	.....
Sussex.....	1.50	10.00	310.00	.....	168.16	141.84	81.44
Talbot.....	1.00	25.00	600.00	.....	600.00	.....	.....
Union.....	1.00	25.00	400.00	.....	400.00	.....	.....
Warwick.....	2.25	45.00	600.00	.....	4675.00	.....	.....
Washington-St.....	2.00	30.00	600.00	.....	540.00	60.00	.....
West Baltimore....	3.00	40 00	700.00	.....	780.00	.....	.....
Westminster.....	2.60	50.00	900.00	.....	900.00	.....	.....
Whaleyville.....	3.00	25.95	500.00	.....	345.37	154.63	.....
W'msp't & Berkeley	1.00	10.00	.....	.....	90.00	.....	220.00
Colored Churches.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charleston, S. C....	1.00	10 00	.....	.....	145.80	.....	94.00
Berkeley, ".....	1.00	3.00	300.00	.....	171.03	128.97	15.00
Totals.....	\$128.03	\$2,067.49	\$39,489.16	\$1982.50	\$40,092.60	\$2,783.04	\$1,491.12

*This amount includes \$202.45 paid Rev. D. A. Shermer for part of the year.
†\$50.00 extra paid by Warwick and \$25.00 by Salem.

EXHIBIT.

Cash left in my hands at last Conference for publication of the Minutes
and Conference expenses..... \$112.00

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By cash paid Rev. T. H. Lewis for Minutes..... \$100.00
" " W. J. C. Dulany for Stationery and Bibles..... 12.94

\$112.94
112.00

Balance due Conference Steward..... .94

Amount of this year's collection..... \$128.28

Cr.

By cash paid Rev. B. F. Benson for Trunk, Stationery and
Postage..... \$10.55
By balance due Conference Steward on last year's account.... .94

\$11.49

Balance in hand for publication, postage and expressage of the Minutes, and for the expenses of this Conference session..... \$116.79

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. ROWE, *Conference Steward.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Annual Conference, in the matter of the Ecumenical Council of Methodism called by the M. E. Church, that unless it shall appear to the representatives named by the General Convention of our Church, of 1877, to said Ecumenical Council in the meeting of the Committees of Correspondence announced to convene in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the month of May proximo, that the branches of non-Episcopal Methodism purpose being fully represented, and that some practical good will probably inure to them, that they forbear assent to further arrangements until the question can be reviewed by the ensuing General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The following paper was adopted:

WHEREAS, Rev. Francis Brown, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church (colored) of Charleston, S. C., has manifested his regard for this Conference by attending our annual sessions for several successive years; and, whereas, it is proper to give expression of our confidence in Bro. Brown, and our appreciation of his faithful labors; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Conference has received with pleasure the visits of Rev. Francis Brown, and hereby tender to him, and the church under his pastoral oversight, our best wishes for the continuance and increase of their prosperity.

The report of the Committee on Western Maryland College was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee received and have examined the paper read by the President of Western Maryland College, as also the report of the "Educational Endowment Society," and respectfully report—

1st. That the Agent, Bro. J. B. Walker, appointed to secure the sum of \$25,000 by subscription for the purpose of relieving the College of all indebtedness, reports having accomplished his mission, for the successful result of which great praise is due Bro. Walker; for by his perseverance, zeal and success, *alone*, has he accomplished the great work, and in a short time, at small expense.

Upon "a call" being made for payment of the money above referred to, we find collected to March 4th, \$8,459.39, since which time some \$2,500 additional has been collected, aggregating \$11,000 *now to the credit* of the College, in the Union National Bank of Westminster.

It is of great importance that the remaining \$14,000 be collected at once, and we know of no way more certain and less expensive than the continuance of Bro. J. B. Walker as general agent, and *recommend* that this Conference *direct* the minister of each station and circuit to collect on or before June 1st proximo, the uncollected sums subscribed in his district, and transmit the same to Bro. Walker, who shall be required to give all assistance in his power to the accomplishment of the object.

2d. By the action of the society above referred to, Proceedings of Conference, 1879, folio 14, we find the funds collected were ordered to be invested in 4 per cent. Government Bonds, which has not been done, and cannot be so invested, or be put on any other secure investment, unless by positive action of the Conference, which we recommend.

We find the College has 97 scholars from Maryland; 7 from Virginia; 3 from West Virginia; 2 from District of Columbia; 1 from Ohio; 1 from West Indies—111; 74 males and 37 females. Boarding in the College, 39 males and 15 females. Classification—Preparatory, 31—21 males and 10 females; Freshman, 35—22 males and 13 females; Sophomore, 19—19 males; Juniors, 16—7 males and 9 females; Seniors, 15—5 males and 10 females.

In closing the report, we take pleasure in referring to President Ward and

the entire Faculty, who, we believe, are doing all that can be done under existing circumstances, and *doing it well*. We regret to report that Prof. H. C. Cushing, Vice-President, has tendered his resignation. Prof. Cushing has been a faithful teacher, and will leave the College with the regrets of all with whom he has been associated. As to his successor, we feel the *importance* of the *position and trust* requires extraordinary consideration, and *believe* the interests of the Church at large, as well as that of the College direct, will be best served by the selection of one of our own ministers, who must be well known for his collegiate attainments, administrative ability, and general fitness for the position.

In conclusion, *we urge* all true members and ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church to make diligent effort to secure students for our own College.

The report of the Steward of the Superannuated Fund was adopted, as follows:

SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD'S REPORT.

<i>Charges.</i>	<i>Collection.</i>	<i>Charges.</i>	<i>Collection.</i>
Accomac—Investment, \$10.		Memorial Chapel.....	4.40
Alexandria.....	\$3 40	Middlebrook.....	.....
Anne Arundel.....	6 06	Middleway.....	1.00
Baltimore.....	10.35	Milton.....	2.50
Bedford.....	5 00	Montgomery, Ala., In., \$15.50. ....	.....
Belair.....	10.00	Newark, N. J.....	11.46
Cambridge.....	.....	Newtown.....	24.41
Campbell.....	2.00	Ninth St., Washington.....	6.50
Caroline.....	11.52	Norfolk.....	2.00
Cecil.....	6.00	N. W. Mission, Baltimore....	.....
Centreville—Investment, \$20. ....	.....	N. C. Ave., Washington.....	.....
Chesapeake.....	10.00	Piedmont.....	.....
Chestertown—Investment, \$15.	6.00	Pipe Creek.....	10.00
Chincoteague.....	2.00	Pocomoke.....	5.00
Clayton.....	5.50	Potomac.....	6.61
Concord.....	4.75	Preston.....	1.00
Crumpton.....	1.00	Quantico.....	4.00
Cumberland.....	3.00	Queen Anne's.....	11 50
Deer Creek.....	3.00	Rainsburg.....	3.38
Dorchester.....	1.60	Rowlandsville.....	8.45
E. Baltimore—Investment, \$15. ....	.....	Salisbury.....	2.20
Easton.....	61.35	Seaford.....	4.02
Ellicott City.....	2 00	Severn.....	3.34
Eutaw.....	13.25	Snow Hill.....	2.07
Fawn Grove.....	5 50	Somerset.....	12.00
Finksburg.....	15.00	S. Baltimore.....	12.00
First Church, Washington.....	12.00	Starr Church.....	35.00
First Church, Pittsburgh.....	.....	Stewartstown.....	7.00
Franklin City.....	1.75	St. James—Investment, \$70..	7.89
Frederick Circuit.....	7.00	St. John's.....	.....
Frederick City.....	.....	St. Michael's.....	5 50
Georgetown—Investment, \$5.	22.55	Surry.....	3 97
Guilford.....	50	Susquehanna.....	7.45
Hampden.....	5.00	Sussex.....	4 00
Harper's Ferry.....	1 00	Talbot.....	6 00
Heathsville.....	8.00	Union.....	3.00
Howard—Investment, \$12....	8 00	Warwick.....	20.91
Jefferson—Investment, \$20....	9.50	Washington-St.—Invest., \$20.	1.50
Kennedyville—Investment, \$10. ....	.....	W. Baltimore Station.....	31.00
Kent Island.....	8 75	Westminster.....	8.86
Laurel.....	4 00	Whaleyville.....	11.00
Leipsic.....	2 00	Williamsport.....	3 00
Liberty.....	6.00	Charleston, S. C.....	4.00
Lynchburg—Investment, \$77. ....	.....	Berkeley Circuit, S. C.....	2.00

SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD'S REPORT—Continued.

Total amount collected from charges brought forward.....	\$584.45
B. F. Benson, Charleston, S. C., in hand from last year.....	31.50
Miss S. E. Johnson, St. John's, for Investment.....	\$10.
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Total amount from District for distribution.....	\$615.95
Received from C. M. Thompson, dues.....	54 00
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	\$660 95
Paid Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather.....	1.75
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Total for distribution.....	\$668.20
Total from District for Investment.....	\$299.50.

CLAIMANTS ON COLLECTIONS.

	<i>Claim.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>		<i>Claim.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
Thomas Lee.....	\$400	\$33.60	Mrs. Catharine Roby.	\$200	\$16.80
H. J. Day.....	550	46.20	“ Elizabeth Boyd.	200	16.80
J. A. McFaden.....	550	46.20	“ C. A. Read.....	250	21.00
J. H. Ellegood.....	400	33.60	“ S. J. Wilson...	200	16.80
Mrs. W. C. Ames....	400	33.60	T. M. Bryan.....	400	33.60
“ S. G. Valiant...	200	16.80	J. W. Everist.....	200	16.80
“ G. D. Hamilton.	200	16.80	Mrs. A. S. Eversole..	200	16.80
“ John Roberts..	300	25.40	“ A. M. Bowers...	350	29.60
“ D. E. Reese...	200	16.80	“ M. A. Varden...	200	16.80
“ L. A. Collins...	200	16.80	Dr. D. F. Ewell.....	500	42.00
“ M. A. Eversole.	450	37.80	Mrs. W. T. Wright...	200	16.80
“ M. H. Whiteside.	200	16.80	W. T. Dumm.....	550	46.20
“ Ann Greenaway	250	21.00			
“ F. G. Wright...	200	16.80	Total am't Claims...	\$7,950	\$668.20
Per cent. .084					

CLAIMANTS ON SOCIETY.

	<i>Claim.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>		<i>Claim.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
Thomas Lee	\$150	\$112.50	Mrs. M. A. Varden...	\$50	\$37.70
H. J. Day.....	150	112.50	“ F. G. Wright..	75	56 20
J. A. McFaden.....	300	225.00	“ Catharine Roby	150	112.50
J. H. Ellegood.....	150	112.50	“ Elizabeth Boyd.	125	93.75
Mrs. W. C. Ames...	325	243.95	“ C. A. Read....	100	75.00
“ S. G. Valiant..	75	56.25	“ S. J. Wilson...	125	93.75
“ G. D. Hamilton.	150	112.50	T. M. Bryan.....	150	112.50
“ John Roberts..	250	187.50	J. W. Everist.....	100	75.00
“ D. E. Reese...	250	187.50	Mrs. A. M. Bowers..	125	93.75
“ L. A. Collins...	125	93.75	Dr. D. F. Ewell....	250	187.50
“ M. A. Eversole.	250	187.50	Mrs. W. T. Wright..	125	93.75
“ M. H. Whiteside.	125	93.75	W. T. Dumm.....	300	225.00
“ AnnGreenaway	125	93.75			
Total claim.....				\$4,100	\$3,075.40

From Dr. Zollickoffer, from Fund for Distribution, \$3,075.40.

Per cent. paid, .75.

Respectfully submitted, J. EARLE MALOY, *Steward.*

The Committee on Fraternal Relations was directed to reply to a letter from the African Union M. P. Conference.

The report of the Committee on Missions was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Missions respectfully submit the following report:

ASSESSMENT BY MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

<i>Charges.</i>	<i>Assessment.</i>		
Accomac.....	\$25.00	Liberty.....	42 00
Alexandria.....	20.00	Lynchburg.....	42.00
Anne Arundel.....	20.00	Middlebrook.....	.....
Baltimore.....	30.00	Middleway.....	10.00
Bedford.....	42 00	Milton.....	15 00
Belair.....	54.00	Newark, N. J.....	40.00
Cambridge.....	.....	Newtown.....	40.00
Campbell.....	15.00	Ninth Street, Washington...	30.00
Caroline.....	40.00	Norfolk.....	.....
Cecil.....	40.00	Northwest Mission, Balto...	.....
Centreville.....	42.00	N. C. Avenue, Washington..	20.00
Chesapeake.....	20.00	Pipe Creek.....	55.00
Chestertown.....	70.00	Pocomoke.....	20.00
Chincoteague.....	5 00	Potomac.....	10.00
Clayton.....	20.00	Preston.....	20.00
Concord.....	15.00	Quantico.....	20.00
Crumpton.....	10.00	Queen Anne's.....	35.00
Cumberland.....	30.00	Rainsburg.....	10.00
Deer Creek.....	15.00	Rowlandsville.....	15.00
Dorchester.....	35.00	Salisbury.....	5.00
East Baltimore.....	60.00	Seaford.....	20.00
Easton.....	68.00	Severn.....	15.00
Ellicott City.....	18.00	Snow Hill.....	15.00
Eutaw.....	30.00	Somerset.....	46.00
Eawn Grove.....	25.00	South Baltimore.....	30.00
Finksburg.....	35.00	Starr Church, Balto.....	125.00
First Church, Washington..	45.00	Stewartstown.....	40.00
Franklin City.....	15 00	St. James.....	50.00
Frederick Circuit.....	50.00	St. Michael's.....	20.00
Frederick City.....	5.00	Surry.....	20.00
Georgetown.....	.....	Susquehanna.....	40.00
Guilford.....	5.00	Sussex.....	10.00
Hampden.....	20.00	Talbot.....	35.00
Harper's Ferry.....	5.00	Union.....	25.00
Howard.....	42.00	Warwick.....	50.00
Jefferson.....	40.00	Washington-Street, Balto...	30.00
Kennedyville.....	10.00	West Baltimore.....	40.00
Kent Island.....	15.00	Westminster.....	100.00
Laurel.....	30.00	Whaleyville.....	25.00
Leipsic.....	15.00	Williamsport.....	5.00
Total amount of Assessments.....			\$2 256.00

APPROPRIATIONS.

To refund to the Virginia Aid Society.....	\$438 69
To provide for deficiency of last year.....	497.23
Potomac Mission.....	50.00
Kent Island (on condition that \$450 debt on parsonage be paid)	150.00
North Carolina Avenue.....	300.00
All Saints.....	200.00
Harper's Ferry.....	100.00
Sussex, no appropriation.....	.....
Chincoteague (if supplied).....	100.00
Newark, no appropriation.....	.....
St. Michael's, no appropriation.....	.....
Frederick City, no appropriation.....	.....
Salisbury, no appropriation.....	.....
Alexandria.....	300.00
Wilmington Mission.....	100.00
Northwest Mission, to meet obligation of past year.....	140.00

Total amount of appropriations.....\$2,236.00

Your Committee also recommend—

1. That Middlebrook, Va., be set off as a mission without appropriation.
2. That Milford, Greenwood and Harrington be made a mission without appropriation, to be called Milford Mission.
3. That Faith Mission, in South Baltimore, be recognized as a mission without an appropriation, and supplied with a minister by the Conference.
4. That the Conference approve of the union of Northwest Mission and West Baltimore Station, upon the terms and conditions agreed upon between the two churches.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That our representatives to the ensuing General Conference be requested to secure such action as shall speedily procure the publication of a new hymnal for the use of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Resolved, That each pastor be requested to bring to the next session of the Annual Conference at least \$5, in addition to the regular superannuated collection, to assist any persons who may be placed on the superannuated list at that session.

The amount of \$18.80, now in the hands of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society, was appropriated to the education of H. G. Cowan.

C. O. Melvin was left without an appointment for one year at his own request.

James Thompson was placed on the Superannuated List, and \$300 appropriated to him for the ensuing year.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to ascertain the amount necessary to pay the expenses of our delegates to the General Conference, to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in May ensuing, and assess the same to the various charges in the District, and publish the assessment in *The Methodist Protestant*.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the families for the generous entertainment so kindly furnished this body ; also to the different railroad and steamboat companies for reduction made in fare.

The Corresponding Secretary of Sabbath-schools was granted permission to make his report to the President of the Conference.

The President then read the following

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

President—T. D. VALIANT.

SUB-DISTRICT No. 1—D. W. Bates, Chairman.		Postoffice.
Newark—S. T. Graham.....	97 Walnut St.,	Newark, N. J.
Wilmington—J. G. Sullivan.....	629 E. 8th St.,	Wilm'gt'n, Del.
Cecil—C. T. Cochel.....	Bay View,	Md.
Rowlandsville—A. A. Harryman.....	Rowlandsville,	Md.
Warwick—R. S. Rowe.....	Warwick,	"
Chestertown—W. J. Neeper.....	Chestertown,	"
St. James—F. T. Little.....	Hanesville,	"
Kennedyville—J. A. Weigand.....	Kennedyville,	"
Chesapeake—D. W. Bates.....	Edesville,	"
Kent Island—R. T. Smith.....	Kent Island,	"

Queen Anne's—S. R. Murray.....	Wye Mills,	Md.
Centreville—D. L. Greenfield.....	Centreville,	"
Crumpton—W. W. White.....	Crumpton,	"
Leipsic—G. J. Smith.....	Leipsic, Del.	
Clayton—J. M. Yingling.....	Smyrna,	"
Easton—F. T. Tagg.....	Easton, Md.	
St. Michael's—T. O. Crouse.....	St. Michael's,	Md.
Talbot—A. D. Melvin.....	Oxford, Md.	

SUB-DISTRICT No. 2—W. M. Strayer, Chairman.

Caroline—J. M. Elderdice.....	Burrsville, Md.	
Preston—W. J. D. Lucas.....	Preston,	"
Dorchester—G. Q. Bacchus, T. E. Coulbourn....	East New Market,	Md.
Cambridge—Unsupplied.		
Seaford—H. E. Miskimmon.....	Seaford, Del.	
T. A. Moore, Supernumerary Assistant.		
Milton—D. A. Shermer.....	Milton,	"
Milford—Unsupplied.		
Laurel—J. E. T. Ewell.....	Laurel,	"
Sussex—J. L. Leilich.....	"	"
Whaleyville—A. D. Dick, W. F. Roberts	Pittsville, Md.	
Salisbury—J. M. Sheridan.....	Salisbury,	"
Union—J. L. Straughn.....	Barren Creek Springs,	Md.
Quantico—D. N. Gilbert.....	Mt. Vernon, Somerset Co.,	Md.
Somerset—J. M. Holmes.....	Crisfield, Md.	
Snow Hill—W. M. Strayer.....	Snow Hill, Md.	
Franklin City—Wm. G. Holmes.....	Girdletree Hill, Md.	
Pocomoke—Wm. T. Valiant.....	Pocomoke, Md.	
Pocomoke City—S. A. Hoblitzell.....	Pocomoke City, Md.	
Chincoteague—Unsupplied.		
Accomac—F. H. Mullineaux	Lee Mont, Va.	

SUB-DISTRICT No. 3—S. B. Southerland, Chairman.

Belair—B. F. Benson:.....	Belair,	"
Deer Creek—W. F. Livingston.....	Hickory,	"
Susquehanna—C. M. Thompson.....	Hopewell X Roads,	Md.
East Baltimore—J. B. Jones.....	90 E. Fayette St.	
West Baltimore—J. D. Kinzer.....	14 Edmondson Ave.	
T. McCormick, Supernumerary Assistant.		
Washington Street—W. J. Floyd.....	12 N Washington St.	
South Baltimore—R. S. Norris.....	400 Light St.	
Starr Church—W. S. Hammond.....	57 S. Poppleton St.	
Faith Mission—Geo. R. McCreedy.....	35 N. Liberty St., Balto.,	Md.
Baltimore Circuit—A. T. Melvin, D. W. Anstine.....	Towsontown, Md.	
Eutaw—J. W. Trout.....	829 Aisquith St., Balto.	
Hampden—C. B. Middleton.....	Woodberry, Md.	
Finksburg—J. W. Charlton, J. L. Elderdice....	Bird Hill,	"
Stewartstown—J. L. Killgore.....	Stewartstown, Pa.	
Fawn Grove—W. D. Litsinger.....	Fawn Grove,	"
Westminster—S. B. Southerland.....	Westminster, Md.	
Anne Arundel—J. T. Lassell, G. H. McFaden..	Brooklyn,	"
All Saints—J. R. Nichols.....	Odenton,	"
First Church, Washington—J. W. Gray.....	Cor. 5th St. E. & Va. Ave.	
North Carolina Avenue—P. T. Hall.....	338 11th St. S.E., Washington.	
Ninth Street—David Wilson.....	517 9th Street, N. W.	
Georgetown—J. T. Murray, T. A. King.....	Georgetown, D. C.	
Alexandria—J. L. Mills.....	Alexandria, Va.	
Potomac—H. C. Stern.....	Georgetown, D. C.	
Guilford—Unsupplied.		

SUB-DISTRICT No. 4—L. W. Bates, Chairman.

Lynchburg—L. W. Bates.....	Lynchburg, Va.
Campbell—Unsupplied.	

Southside—F. C. Klein.....Spanish Oaks, Va.
 Surry—E. R. McGregor.....Surry C. H., “
 R. W. Berryman, Supernumerary Assistant.

SUB DISTRICT No. 5—Jesse Shreeve, Chairman.
 Pipe Creek—C. H. Littleton.....Uniontown, Md.
 Liberty—J. M. Brown.....Libertytown, “
 P. L. Wilson, Supernumerary Assistant.
 Jefferson—J. E. Maloy.....Frederick City, Md.
 Frederick—Jesse Shreeve, A. D. Murray.....New Market, “
 Frederick City—Unsupplied.
 Howard—A. W. Mather, S. J. Smith.....Lisbon, “
 Williamsport—Unsupplied.
 Harper's Ferry—C. S. Arnett.....Harper's Ferry, W. Va.
 Middleway—W. A. Crouse.....Middleway, “
 Cumberland—S. B. Tredway.....Cumberland, Md.
 Rainsburg—A. J. Walter.....Rainsburg, Pa.
 Bedford—S. T. Ferguson.....Cumberland Valley, Pa.
 Concord—Henry Bruner.....Roxbury, “
 Ellicott City—G. F. Farring.....Ellicott City, Md.
 Middlebrook—W. H. Stone.....Middlebrook, Va.

SUB-DISTRICT No. 6—Francis Brown, Chairman.
 Charleston—Francis Brown.....Charleston, S. C.
 Berkeley—E. R. Washington.....Cross Mill, S. C.

LOANED.

St. John's, Baltimore—A. Webster, T. H. Lewis.
 First Church, Pittsburgh—J. J. Murray.
 Montgomery, Ala.—W. R. Graham.
 Heathsville, Va.—R. L. Lewis.
 Editor of METHODIST PROTESTANT—E. J. Drinkhouse.
 President Western Maryland College—J. T. Ward.
 Superannuated—J. W. Everist, H. J. Day, D. F. Ewell, W. T. Dumm, Thos.
 Lee, J. A. McFaden, J. H. Ellegood, I. T. Adkins.
 Left without appointments at their own request—J. Clay, H. C. Cushing, J.
 K. Nichols, F. Swentzel, A. C. Berryman, C. O. Melvin.

Conference adjourned with prayer and benediction.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 12TH, 1880.

The Home Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference convened at 11.30 A. M. in the 9th-street M. P. church, Rev. R. S. Norris in the chair.

W. S. Hammond, Treasurer of the Society, submitted his annual report of money received and disbursed by him during the year, and the report was received, and submitted to an auditing committee, composed of S. A. Hoblitzell, W. D. Litsinger and A. Donelson, for examination. The above committee subsequently examined the papers and vouchers, and reported all correct, and the report of the Treasurer was adopted.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Home Missionary Society was also submitted, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

Rev. Dr. Barr addressed the Society with reference to the interests of the Virginia Aid Society, in connection with the Norfolk Church property.

On motion, the papers in the hands of Dr. Drinkhouse, pertaining to the

erection of "Memorial Chapel," of monies disbursed, &c., were referred to the Auditing Committee, and ordered to be published in these proceedings.

To the Board of Managers of the Home Missionary Society, Maryland Annual Conference, M. P. Church:

BRETHREN: Having completed the task of erecting a chapel in the northwest section of the city, assigned us in your resolution of April 22d, 1879, we herewith submit our report, showing how the work was prosecuted and the money expended. We held our first meeting April 28th, with Dr. Drinkhouse in the chair, and completed our organization by electing a permanent Secretary. We have held ten meetings, and kept an exact record of all business transacted. As will appear in the minutes herewith surrendered to your care, sub-committees were appointed to oversee and forward each part of the work. All plans were submitted to and approved by the general committee. Payments of money were in all cases approved by the general committee, and the detailed plans were from time to time altered, or modified sufficiently to prevent the entire cost exceeding the sum set apart for this purpose. The chapel has been erected on a lot situated on the southwest corner of Lafayette avenue and Gilmore street, fronting 60 feet on Lafayette avenue, with a depth of 100 feet, and leased at \$4.00 per front foot, the ground rent being redeemable. The building is 30x60 feet, constructed in old English style, of wood, has substantial stone foundations, and a cellar large enough to contain a hot-air furnace and winter supply of fuel. It has a metal roof, is lighted by handsome stained glass windows, and is painted inside and out. The main auditorium is 30x45 feet, and will seat comfortably 200 persons. In the rear is a class room 30x15, which is also used by the Sunday-school as a library and infant class room. The entire cost of erecting the chapel, outbuildings and fencing, together with necessary expenditures for grading, paving and sodding unoccupied portions of the lot, was \$2,358.01, divided as follows:

Record office, magistrate and insurance.....	\$9.10
Design.....	50.00
Excavating.....	16 50
Stone and stonework.....	119 81
Carpenter-work.....	273.00
Lumber.....	511.18
Mill-work.....	361.01
Rigging.....	35.00
Iron, hardware and wire-work.....	140.42
Tin roof and painting same.....	233.00
Plastering.....	116.00
Coloring walls, paint and painting.....	165 14
Stained-glass windows.....	100.00
Gas-pipe and fixtures.....	77 06
Brick.....	74.40
Brick-laying.....	37.56
Introducing water.....	13.73
Dirt, sand, grading and sodding.....	25.04

Total..... \$2,358.01

The fund appropriated for building Memorial Chapel consisted of cash in bank, \$2,228.11, and cash due by Missionary Board, and payable at the approaching session of Conference, \$134.00, aggregating \$2,362.11. You will perceive that the amount expended by your Committee is \$4.10 less than the sum appropriated by Conference. The work is all paid for, excepting \$100.00, balance due Kugler & Gilbert, and \$29.90 due Dr. Drinkhouse for money advanced. Both of these amounts are to be paid out of the \$134.00 due at approaching session of Conference.

With this we hand our Record Book and vouchers for payments made, and respectfully request that our accounts be audited and your Committee discharged.

Respectfully,

HORACE BURROUGH, Secretary.

MEMORANDA.—Referring to the work of “furnishing” the chapel, voluntarily assumed by our committee, we report that the collection ordered by your board to be lifted on the dedicatory Sabbath, realized \$216.60, and this was expended as follows:

For repairing and altering settees belonging to N. W. Mission, and necessary upholstering work, by Thos. Rothelt..	84.75
For carpeting entire Chapel, by G. S. Griffith & Co.....	126.35
For cleaning Chapel and laborer.....	5.50
Total.....	\$216.60

In addition to the building proper there is property in the form of moveable seating, hot-air furnace, &c., estimated at \$500.

The following Officers were then elected for the ensuing year:

President:—R. S. Norris.

Vice Presidents—R. S. Rowe and J. M. Elderdice.

Board of Managers—J. T. Murray, A. W. Mather, W. S. Hammond, J. W. Cole, John G. Clarke, J. R. Marley, W. J. C. Dulany, H. F. Zollickoffer.

Secretary—J. D. Kinzer.

Treasurer—W. S. Hammond.

F. H. Mullineaux was selected to collect the annual dues, after which the Society adjourned.

MINUTES OF SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY.

The Superannuated Fund Society met in Washington, D. C., March 15th, 1880, with J. K. Nichols in the chair.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

First Vice President, J. K. Nichols; Second Vice President, W. M. Strayer; Recording Secretary, W. R. Graham, and Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather; Board of Managers, E. J. Drinkhouse, W. S. Hammond, R. S. Norris, J. D. Kinzer, H. F. Zollickoffer, H. Burrough, J. W. Cole, J. N. Gilbert.

The report of the Treasurer was read, showing receipts for the Conference year of \$3,384.53; disbursements, \$25; balance in hand for distribution, \$3,359.53. Adopted.

The thanks of the Society were tendered Dr. Zollickoffer for his services as Treasurer.

The Corresponding Secretary presented a bill of \$1.75 for postage. Ordered to be paid.

C. M. Thompson was appointed to collect the annual dues.

The report of the Committee on Charter was received and adopted, and Committee discharged.

Society adjourned.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, To amend Rule XLIII., page 59 of the Manual, by striking out all after the word "appeals," in line three, and insert the following: "The Missionary Fund Steward, and the Superannuated Fund Steward, shall be elected immediately after the election of the Conference Steward. The Missionary Fund Steward shall take charge of all Missionary funds brought to the Conference, and disburse them as ordered.

The Superannuated Fund Steward shall take charge of, and distribute, the moneys intended for claimants upon the Superannuated Fund."

Resolved, That the pastors respectively be required to hand in their reports to the Committee on Official Reports on Thursday; and that they be required also to hand in, not later than Friday, the amounts of the various collections to those authorized to receive them, in sealed envelopes, with the amounts, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor, and that of the charges, respectively, written upon them.

Resolved, That all qualified members shall be entitled to vote for Stewards in missions the same as in stations.

Resolved, That the Conference Steward be authorized to purchase a satchel for the use of the Committee on Collections for Ministerial Education, and another for the use of the Committee on Collections for the Bible Cause.

Resolved, That our representatives to the General Conference are hereby instructed to vote for a General Convention, to meet at the time and place of the ensuing General Conference.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to the women of the Maryland Conference the formation of branch and auxiliary societies to co-operate with the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Resolved, That the monies received from the auxiliary societies of the Maryland Conference, at this session, be paid to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

Resolved, That this action shall rescind the plan proposed at the last Annual Conference.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Annual Conference, in the matter of the Ecumenical Council of Methodism called by the M. E. Church, that, unless it shall appear to the representatives named by the General Convention of our Church, of 1877, to said Ecumenical Council in the meeting of the Committees of Correspondence announced to convene in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the month of May proximo, that the branches of non-Episcopal Methodism purpose being fully represented, and that some practical good will probably inure to them, that they forbear assent to further arrangements until the question can be reviewed by the ensuing General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Resolved, That our representatives to the ensuing General Conference be requested to secure such action as shall speedily procure the publication of a new hymnal for the use of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Resolved, That each pastor be requested to bring to the next session of the Annual Conference at least \$5, in addition to the regular superannuated collection, to assist any persons who may be placed on the superannuated list at that session.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to ascertain the amount necessary to pay the expenses of our delegates to the General Conference, to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in May ensuing, and assess the same to the various charges in the District, and publish the assessment in *The Methodist Protestant*.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the families for the generous entertainment so kindly furnished this body; also to the different railroad and steamboat companies for reduction made in fare.

OBITUARY.

REV. WILLIAM CORRIE LIPSCOMB.

WILLIAM CORRIE LIPSCOMB, son of John and Elizabeth Lipscomb, was born September 13th, 1792, in King William county, Virginia. He was the eldest of seven children, the youngest of whom, Rev. Robert Middleton Lipscomb, of Maryland, is now the only survivor. The eldest and the youngest of a blessed Christian household were the last to part company.

It was during his childhood that his father removed to Georgetown, D. C. The domestic and religious virtues of the family lost nothing by the change from country to city. Order and regularity, industry and thrift, economy and content, that organize a providence in the home, were not wanting in the new abode. The transplanted roots, in no long time, found soil and substance adequate to full nourishment. Better still, it was the home of piety and good works. The father and the mother, who were Methodists of the early type of Methodism, never forgot that morning and evening worship, reverence for the Sabbath, and attendance on the ordinances of God's sanctuary, were family as well as personal duties. There lies near me on the table the old prayerbook which my grandparents used in Virginia, a century ago. I can well understand the veneration which my father felt for this relic, and I recall vividly at this moment the pathos with which, in his declining years, he committed it to my keeping. Family religion has never to wait for its reward. Each day runs through its night into a brighter to-morrow, and the "blessed" of the "Father" beaken evermore to the approving voice and are glad in its large benediction. Four of the sons of that household grew up to manhood, and three of them became ministers of Christ's gospel.

In those days opportunities of education were limited. Men learned less and thought more than in our times. Such opportunities as came within reach, my father wisely improved and thus acquired skill and taste sufficient to continue his personal growth in subsequent life. The spirit of culture, if fruitful and earnest, never fails to shape itself in the realities of one's being. This was eminently so with him. The books he loved, the art of music which he diligently cultivated, the intelligent society he sought, or, in its absence, the studious solitude he enjoyed, were not for him mere matters of intellect, still less of fugitive emotions. Even in his youth, a moral sensibility made itself felt in these habits. There was a conscience in behalf of self-development which pointed to results fertile in goodness. But another and higher power was at work, moulding his youthful nature to an ideal nobler than art and literature. He had a mother who was remarkable for that quality of influence which makes a mother irresistible. Besides other gifts, she had that clearness of insight which is the main constituent of common sense when common sense has perfected itself by means of experience. The poise of her character was beautiful. She had the chastened moderation that is the golden girdle of womanly strength and virtue. To the quick impulses of a boy, this is the mystery of womanhood, and yet it governs him. Most of all, she was distinguished for a devout and benignant piety, in which sweetness and fervor were blended. And it was just such a mother he needed. A strong will resting on feelings even stronger; impulsesswift to take voice and action; and, beneath will and impulses, a temperament that gave him endurance and persistence in achieving a chosen end; these were his natural characteristics. And it was on these qualities his mother left the deep imprint of early nurture. Half a century lay between her grave and his. But as the years went on he grew in the true order of development more and more like his mother. His affection for her was intense. She was a present vision rather than a memory of the past. And long before he came to die, his mother's character was uppermost in his nature. *

*After her death my father prepared a memoir of his mother, which was published in *The Methodist Magazine*. The following extract from a letter written to

It is not surprising that one so much under his mother's influence became religious at fourteen years of age. In 1806 he joined the M. E. Church. As he advanced toward manhood, he was more and more active in serving all her interests, and, by the time he was of age, he was one of the most energetic, consistent, and devoted members of the Church. At this period of life, he formed those model church habits, of which I may speak without hesitancy, as they are known to all. Model they certainly were, since no one could see any room to improve them. The punctuality with which he observed all the stated services of the sanctuary; the scrupulous fidelity that attached his heart to every duty prescribed by Church law or Church usage, as if it were a direct obligation from Heaven; and the force of conviction, no less than of sentiment, which he carried into this fixed routine of activity, were foremost among those traits that gave his character such a specific distinctiveness. Nothing, in his frequent conversations on this subject, struck me more forcibly than his complete identity of Church character and Christian character. If a man professed the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, he held it a supreme duty to authenticate that profession, first and last, in week-days and on Sabbath, by a most rigid conformity to each and every church requirement. And this was the more striking in his personal history, because of its entire freedom from cant and formalism. It never sunk into the mechanism of superstition. It never became a dead shell of arbitrary custom. A living soul breathed freshness and joy and holy fellowship through it all; nor was he less "*free*" while he thus sought to "*travel on life's common way in cheerful godliness*;" nor, indeed, less "*majestic*," because his "*heart, the lowliest duties on herself did lay*."

About the time he reached manhood, the country was involved in war with England—1812-1814. He joined the artillery company commanded by Major Peters, and continued in service till peace was proclaimed. While firing a salute in honor of peace, one of the cannon prematurely exploded, inflicting a severe wound above the right temple of his head, and causing blindness for some weeks. This was the only period of protracted confinement during his life. Of his health he was very careful; and, though liable for some years to sudden and sharp attacks of illness, he succeeded in overcoming this predisposition to disease, and establishing physical habits that corresponded with his singular regularity in all other things. After the war he entered into business as a merchant in Georgetown. What the world calls fortune smiled and frowned, and then smiled and frowned again, till the vicissitudes ended in utter disappointment. One financial shock after another passed over the country; trade fluctuated; prices rose and fell without regard to inherent values; and, at last, the foundation which he thought solid enough to stand, gave way in the convulsions of the times. But there was one by his side to help him bear the calamities of the day. In the fall of 1815 he had married Miss Phœbe Adgate, of Alexandria, D. C. A group of little children had begun to gather around the father and mother, and the eldest of that group remembers well how cold the shadow was when it fell. And yet the wife and mother was stronger than ever to sustain and cheer, her fullness of trust and hope pouring itself forth in acts of self-denial, those little and nameless acts possible only to a woman, and those other acts of patient heroism which silently glorify human existence. For many years she was the stay and support of my father's private affairs. She was the perfect human solace of his heart, and the unfailing human strength of his life. Her spirit diffused itself in perpetual serenity over the household. To

me by a lady just before father's death is so illustrative of her character and of his, that my friend must pardon me for its introduction:

"I was very young when I united with the church and your father's class. His mother was also a member; and at one time, for her convenience, the class met at her house. His custom was, after each member had given her experience, to instruct, advise, and exhort, to suit the case. But when he approached his mother, his reverence for her seemed so great—and she was a woman to be revered—that he would merely say: 'Mother, will you tell the class the state of your mind?' and when she had ceased speaking, he would sing a verse and pass on, as if it were not for him to instruct her. It is not surprising that such a son in turn should be revered by his children. His manner to her made an impression on me, I have never forgotten."

a taste for art and the best literature, she added those wider sympathies which secure the daily access of whatever is spiritual or divine. Her life was as beautiful as it was blessed. A life it was that had hidden itself in Christ, and was far off from the world, but it was very near us all, even in our hearts. And when she went away, thirty years ago, she left behind her a void which only her memory could fill, and which it did fill, as the stars illumine the vacant space from which the sun has gone.

In 1828 my father received from the Hon. John McLean an appointment to a clerkship in the General Post Office of the United States. For more than thirty years he continued in office, the most of this time filling a situation under the Sixth Auditor of the Government. To these duties he brought those habits of steady industry, of close and unflagging attention, and of honest fidelity, which had been ingrained long before into the very core of his nature. As was his rule in every matter, he mastered all the details of his business. In the responsible duties he had to discharge he was universally regarded as an example of methodic completeness, of entire trustworthiness, both as respected capacity of intellect and force of moral sentiment. It was well said by the Rev. Dr. J. T. Murray, on the occasion of his funeral, that "his civic virtues were of the highest order." Slovenly work was his abhorrence. Whatever he was doing he never considered it done till he had reached the limit of his ability to do it thoroughly. Slovenliness of work, he always thought, was slovenliness of conscience. Many scores of times have I known him bring home office-work and do it at night, lest his business should get behindhand. His accuracy was proverbial. I have heard it stated that during the thirty odd years of his clerkship but one error was detected in the books he kept. However this may be, it is certain that he was an exceptional instance of carefulness in all he undertook. Over forty years ago he removed from Georgetown to the neighborhood of Falls Church, Fairfax county, Va. But not in the least did he relax his habits of punctuality and orderly exactness. The strong fibres twisted closer and harder as time went on, and, in spite of weather and growing years, he was always promptly at the post of duty. Nor was this surprising. The cast of his mind was military. The material of which he was formed was the native-born material of a soldier. A precision, an instinct of conformity to recurrent hours and duties, a passion for organic regularity of movement, were original qualities of his nature, and, by deliberate training, he made them part and portion of character. Had he not had such a mighty undercurrent of spontaneousness, I think it likely that he would have resembled a canal—so much force of water and no more. But it was not so. The stream of impulsive feeling flowed on and kept its free course till last month, when it reached the ocean.

It is necessary for me now to retrace my steps so as to follow the line of my father's history in another direction. On the first of December, 1828, my father, with others, severed his connection with the M. E. Church in Georgetown, and a new church, consisting of forty-two persons, was immediately formed in union with the "Associated Methodist Churches." Previously to this period, he had taken an active part in "Reform," laboring to secure such a change in the ecclesiastical polity of the M. E. Church as should secure, in his judgment, the "mutual rights" of the ministry and laity. It was "Reform" in the Church, not secession from the Church, which had enlisted his warmest sympathies; for he stated in the third number of his "*Semi-Centennial Letters*" that "more matured age and more extended experience brought me to the conclusion that the polity of the Church would be much improved by certain modifications, and hence my adhesion to what in those days was termed 'Reform.' But never, no, never, from the first hour of my connection with this cause to the time when I became fully advised of the extraordinary, the *astounding*, proceedings of the General Conference of 1828, as above cited, was the idea of *disruption* for a moment seriously entertained. But that these proceedings of the supreme legislative and judicial authorities of the Church did terribly convulse my loyalty to Episcopal Methodism, is candidly admitted." A few weeks before the organization of the new Church he had attended the Reformers' Convention in Baltimore. He was one of the youngest members of that body, and with reference to his connection with it he uses these words: "I distinctly in-

formed the Convention that, as an official of said Church (M. E. Church), I was not willing to perform any act as a member of this body compromising my relation to that Church." Because of his participation in the doings of the Convention, he was deprived of his offices in the Church as a steward and a class leader. His voluntary separation from the M. E. Church followed. In 1830 he was the Secretary of the Convention that organized the Methodist Protestant Church under its present Constitution, and, from time to time, filled various offices in connection with the Church. Subsequently to the organization of the Church in 1828, his brethren urged that he should preach the gospel. Though he had gifts as a speaker which he occasionally exercised, yet he had never felt that he was specially called to the ministry of the word. It was with fear and trembling he contemplated the matter. But his brethren insisted on his preaching, and, with his habitual deference to Church authority, he yielded. It was in my boyhood. But I recall the language he used: "The voice of the Church is to me the voice of Providence." To speak in this strain was like him. And it was like him, moreover, to enter with an impassioned heart on the work of preparing for the pulpit. He was then thirty-six years of age. To take on new habits at that period of life, habits which required a re-adaptation of the nerves and brain and intellect, seemed to him a hazardous experiment. The sensitiveness of his nervous system, he used to tell me, gave him more trouble than anything else. But his hope was fortified. Any way, he would do his duty, success or no success. So his brave spirit reasoned, and it reasoned rightly, as the issues proved.

Some advantage, in the shape of an outfit, he had from the start. He had a good voice. He read well and spoke well. He understood accent and emphasis, and made an effective use of them. Nearly six feet in height, he had a very erect form that commanded attention by the force and measured rhythm of its movements. The forehead was high, broad and capacious, betokening room for something behind it. The gray-blue eyes, though not large, had a concentrated expression that seemed to draw light from within, and, there was frequently a stillness in his fixed gaze, accompanied by slowness of breathing, which indicated a most searching penetration. His manner was profoundly solemn, and gave weight to whatever he said and did. If not a learned man, he was a well read man. Familiar with Arminian theology and general Church history, he was fully acquainted with the doctrinal standards and historic development of English and American Methodism. Matthew Henry was his preference among commentators. Fletcher's Appeal and Checks, Dwight's Theology, and Watson's Institutes, were his favorite works in theological literature. Metaphysics engaged, at one time, a considerable share of his attention. What I wish to lay stress on is, that most of these studies engrossed his spare hours during the period when he was merely a layman in the Church. I remember very distinctly that before he began to preach, his custom was to rise in winter an hour or two before daylight, that he might find time for reading, and I particularly recall the fact, that it was in these morning hours he studied Dr. Thomas Brown's Edinburgh lectures on the philosophy of the mind, and other volumes of kindred character. And what he did in this way was done with that thorough-going and exhaustive method which lay as a dominant and formative force back of all individual habits. Reading as mere reading, that had no greater depth than memory, and no other use than to furnish an easy facility in borrowing ideas from books, he thought was the veriest frivolity of intellect. It was student-reading and not languid amateur reading—analytic, searching, educative reading—that alone interested his mind. Owing to this habit, most carefully formed in early manhood and most rigidly maintained, he acquired a mental discipline that was probably never excelled by any who had no larger opportunities than those which fell in his way. What he knew, he knew perfectly. And what he said, wrote and did was the exact equivalent of himself. So, then, when God called him to preach he had a basis on which to build. All unawares to himself, he had been laying that basis. The superstructure, which was to rise from its solid block, he never foresaw. But it did rise in God's appointed time. And then it was that this knowledge and self training availed him to an unexpected extent. Then, too, his extreme conscientiousness as to

good work showed the best phase of its excellence. No one in the regular ministry could have been more diligent, more pains taking, in preparing sermons for the pulpit, than was he. On no account would he preach unless he felt assured that he was prepared for preaching. Sudden calls he sometimes obeyed, but it was under protest. He laid great stress on the education of the pen. Though naturally an extemporaneous speaker, though fluent and forcible under spontaneous impulse, yet he deemed it the highest and holiest of ministerial obligations to make himself ready for the sacred desk, and he believed that in his case it could only be done by means of writing his discourses. Many of them he wrote three times over. His critical tastes as to his own productions was very exacting. Not only would every idea be narrowly scanned, but sentence by sentence was subjected to the same process of sharp scrutiny. Grammar and rhetoric were mainly judged of by the ear. No thought, put in words, contented him unless it had the charm of a proper rhythm. In all this he had constant reference to his usefulness in the Church. Day by day his greatest solicitude was to see Christ's kingdom advanced by means of the Church. His happiest hours were those when he saw this object was being secured. His whole heart was in the M. P. Church. Methodism was dear to him, and Methodism in the Methodist Protestant Church dearest of all its ecclesiastical forms. One of the favorite hymns which he often sung was that by Dwight: "*I love thy kingdom, Lord;*" and what depth of tone and fervor of exultation thrilled from his soul into the words!

Thus he lived in the Church, for the Church, for the world through the Church, and, most of all, because absorbing all in its supreme intensity, for the glory of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. The greatest anxiety of his life was to have a religious household. To accomplish this divine task seemed to him the ultimate height of human endeavor. Morning and night the Scripture was read, hymns sung, prayers offered in the family, and all done with a significance that inspired an awe, a reverence, and a tenderness which made the devotions of the household a most touching reality. On the Sabbath, in the intervals of church services, catechisms were taught, then Watson's Conversations, and then other books as the children grew old enough to comprehend. He had an exquisite ear for poetry. Young and Cowper were his delight. But the Wesleyan Hymns charmed him most. The house was filled with music, and it was the music of religion. In the hours, and they are many, when my childhood comes back from years far off, I remember how my first ideas of the Blessed Jesus came to me from the soft hazel of my mother's eyes, and from the tranquil smile that undulated on her lips, while my father played on the bass-viol, and a concord of happy voices swelled the melody into grandeur. And God's blessing followed such household living. The youngest child of my parents was taken very ill when about seven years old. In a few days it was evident that the disease would be fatal. They told the little boy that he must die. "*Give me my catechism,*" said he, and laying it on his bosom, pressed it with his hands, and closed his eyes and died.

During the last few years, my father gradually retired from the world, spending most of his time in reading and meditation, or, in quiet intercourse with friends. The tenacity of habit continued, in nearly all things, to be unabated by advancing life. Allowing for some exceptions, what his tastes were half a century ago, what his principles of thought and modes of reasoning, what his associations of feeling, what his aims and ideals of manhood, remained without any change save a change from good to better and from better to best. If I may use such an expression, he was the most thoroughly organized human being I ever knew. Without a word from him, one who was fully acquainted with his methods of thinking and acting could tell beforehand, with a degree of probability, well nigh to certainty, where he would be found. He had the rarest form of truthfulness—the truthfulness of feeling. On no occasion, under no pressure, would he assume a sentiment or an emotion which he did not sincerely and deeply cherish. Any sort of falseness he detested, and falseness of feeling he considered the worse of evils in its effect on manliness of character. From early life, he was remarkable for his tenderness to women. He said to me on one occasion: "I cannot conceive how a man can speak rudely to a woman;"

and this habit grew upon him as long as he lived. It was the more noteworthy because of his naturally stern and inflexible disposition. Courageous to dauntlessness, firm-braced and strong-nerved, if a crisis of duty had to be confronted, he had nevertheless an immense force of reserved sensibility, which never failed when a proper occasion called for its manifestation. I have seen him tremble, totter, almost sink to the earth, when some deep feeling convulsed him. At family prayer, in the class-room, in little gatherings for devotional exercises at neighbor's houses, he would be, at times, nearly overpowered. And, again and again, I have known him come from his class so deeply affected that he could scarcely engage for the next hour in any conversation.

On those occasions, when the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, it was interesting to witness the effect on his emotions. That dignity which never forsook him, would now soften into the simplicity and tenderness of the later childhood of the heart. Nothing in the institutions of Christianity, nothing in experimental religion, affected him so deeply as this divine ordinance. There were two transcendent elements in his Christian character. One of these was his profound sense of God's sovereignty. No Calvinist, even of the type of John Knox or Jonathan Edwards, ever exceeded him in the strength of this sentiment. The other, its infinite complement, was the sense of God's mercy in the atonement of the Lord Jesus. Each of these determines the practical force of the other, and in him the two met and interblended. Although the assurance of the acceptance in Christ was one of the most uniform feelings of his soul, yet on the periodical return of the Communion season, it seemed to rise into a vivid intensity that was not only peculiar as to quality, but likewise peculiar in respect to the constancy of its recurrence. The preciousness of Christ pervaded his consciousness to its utmost compass. Hours afterwards his voice would break on the emphasis of texts which he repeated. All the remaining day of those memorial Sabbaths, his manner was subdued, and, as the glow faded from his face, we knew whither went the light as we knew whence it came. Nor was this the only joy of those ineffable seasons. It kindled his church sympathy into new ardor, that soul within his soul, for by no other terms can his feelings towards Christ's mystical body be set forth. And how he loved to commune with Christians of other denominations. During his visits to me, I had opportunities to witness this, and it always struck me as very beautiful. On one occasion, while with me in Athens, Ga., he attended the Communion at the Presbyterian church. I noticed that Chief Justice Lumpkin, one of the church elders, as he approached him with the elements, was deeply moved. The venerable Judge, a man of majestic appearance and peculiarly sensitive to emotional impressions, handed him the bread and the wine, and there was a moment's pause after they were received. The Judge leaned over the door of the pew where father sat, bowed his head, and burst into tears. At the same instant, father's head fell forward on his bosom, he too weeping freely. A hushing awe spread from the scene; not even an audible sob disturbed the silence; and as the two old men mingled their tears in memory of a common salvation, the very air seemed filled with a spiritual presence breathed down from Heaven.

The longer he lived the nearer he lived to God in Christ. As the divine in him grew, so too grew the human. The senses decayed, but, like all providential decay, it was outward decay for the sake of inward renewal. "Time helps grace," he once remarked to me, and thereupon we had a talk that memory keeps very closely to my heart. "The fires of passion burn out, my son, and we call it grace when it's only nature exhausted." "Yes," replied one present, "but it is often grace in providence." In another respect I thought his experience singular. Unlike old men, he talked much more of the present and its great interests, and of the future, than of the past. His mind had a very firm hold on things as they are and as they were likely to become. Reality with him was a tremendous force. No doubt much of this was owing to his bilious-nervous temperament. The two constituents, the one giving him endurance and persistency, while the other gave him freshness and elasticity, were happily united in his constitution. The organic force was strong in him. Fortunately, however, the personal force as it expressed itself in volition, in purpose,

in sensibility, and, above all, in conscience of duty, was stronger. Each, however, did a great deal for the other; and to their combination he owed the distinctive features of his character and the fine unity of his career. Age was to him a peculiar blessing. The battle almost fought out, the joy of the victory so far as won, was in the fact that it was mainly a victory over himself. Such a man, so full of vigorous will, so compact and massive in the qualities of self-reliance and self-direction, so keenly alive to the high realities of truth and justice and honor; such a man who would close the least aperture in his soul through which the conventionalities of corrupting expediency might enter, could hardly have escaped prejudices and an overloaded bias of feelings. That he had had them, he was ever ready to admit. That he battled manfully in God's strength against them, we all knew. And as the years went on he increased in sympathy, in generous judgments, in broader catholicity. Wider and wider opened his heart, even as a horizon expands the higher we ascend. The maturing period was long protracted. It conserved all that was valuable in the days gone by. It made large additions from the passing hours. His letters of recent date have as much strength, point and completeness as those written fifty years ago. Even his hand-writing, which was always bold and free, retained its finished elegance to the last. And after the maturing period, there came the mellowing time so like it and yet so very unlike it. And in this mellowing time the golden grain which had fed on the winter snows and drank of the spring fountains, stood in the still sunshine and bathed itself in the dews of the night's purity, that it might be ready for the reaper and the garner.

Thanks to God, the life of an old man may be the perfection of life. It was the old Simeon and the old Anna who gave the truest and warmest welcome to the infant Jesus. The eyes that were then growing dim, lit up a new lustre in prophetic gleams. For young men God has his work; for old men, as I must believe, He has a grander work. It is from these, and from none others, that we learn how best to live, how to be patient and win from patience the repose of strength, how to be reconciled to the laws of our being, and how to look on each setting sun as the radiance of the gates of Paradise. Providence gave my father's family no greater blessing than his more than four-score years. We saw him eager to hasten on and fill up what was lacking in the image of God's blessed Son. We saw him growing in whatever is most ennobling and most sanctifying to the soul. We saw in his history that an early consecration to God, an early bearing of the cross, an early veneration for parents, an early devotion to the Church, bring their vast revenue of gladness and peace to an old man's heart. How resplendently the light enlarged into "*the perfect day!*" More and more in harmony, the divine and the human went on together to their final consummation. More and more he loved what God loves; and, more and more, if that were possible, he grew in watchful care and tenderness towards his children.

Thus his life progressed till Tuesday morning, December 2d, when he was suddenly struck down by an attack on the brain. For a time he was insensible. Consciousness was restored so that he knew his friends, but the power of speech was incompetent to more than broken and indistinct articulation. His physicians, Dr. Tyler and Dr. Garnet, did all that science and skill could do to alleviate his sufferings. His children and grandchildren who were able to reach his bedside, his brother and nephew, the friends who venerated and loved him, spared no pains day and night to promote his comfort. Ministers of the gospel prayed with him, and he could be heard, in the vanishing cadence of his former intensity, joining in the petitions. There were no "*stormy banks*" on the "*Jordan*," to which he had come, and the "*light at eventide*" fell softly on the smooth waters. Now and then he would try to repeat hymns, and once he united with his daughter in singing, "*Jesus, lover of my soul.*" About sunrise, December 6th, 1879, he breathed his last, in the 88th year of his natural life and in the 74th year of his spiritual life. Is not that a page for the Book of Life?

Athens, Ga., January, 1880.

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The foregoing Memoir of Rev. William Corrie Lipscomb, written by his son, Rev. Andrew A. Lipscomb, D. D., is appreciatingly adopted by the Committee designated by the Maryland Annual Conference to prepare an obituary. It so

thoroughly and faithfully delineates the character of our father in Israel, that nothing is left to them but to give it their most hearty endorsement, and order its publication in the Conference Minutes.

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REV. THOMAS M. BRYAN.

REV. THOMAS M. BRYAN, the subject of this obituary, was born in Bohemia Manor, Cecil county, Md., February 1st, 1818. His parents were Joseph and Susan L. Bryan. He embraced religion October 24th, 1839, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which communion he remained until November, 1845, when he joined the Methodist Protestant Church, which act, he said in his last days, he had never regretted, as he was influenced by principle. Brother Bryan was received into the Maryland Annual Conference at its session in Ninth street, Washington, March, 1846, and was ordained Deacon during the session at the First Church, Washington. His first appointment was to Smyrna; in '47 to Potomac, in '48 to Clearfield. In 1849 he was left without appointment at his own request. February 14 of this year he was married to Elizabeth Fleazal, daughter of Rev. John Fleazal and Anna, his wife, of Center county, Pa. In the following year he was sent to Accomac Circuit, in 1851-52 to Newtown, in 1853 and '54 to Dorchester. This year his health failed, and he was a superannuate for two years. In 1857 and '58 he travelled Sussex. In 1859 and '60 he was left without appointment at his request. From 1861 to 1863 he was again a superannuate. His health somewhat improving, he was appointed in 1864-65 to West Baltimore Circuit. Here he again broke down, and in 1866 he was returned to the list of superannuates, where he remained until May 11th, 1879, when the Master signed his release from earthly cares and trials. His last illness was brief and severe, and his death was to many unexpected. Brother Bryan was a constant sufferer, and looked much better than he really was. He was looking forward to his departure long before he died. His mind was clear during the early stage of his illness, but he became delirious some days before he died, and at the last his friends were cut off from all conversation with him. Brother Bryan was a quiet, unobtrusive man, but of such a friendly spirit that he was loved by those around him; and his home was always cheered by the presence of the many friends who called from day to day. Brother and Sister Bryan were particular favorites with the young.

We miss him from our Church; his warm and unctious prayers; his valued counsel, and his ready aid. His funeral was largely attended, and the services were conducted by the pastor, assisted by Revs. J. W. Everest and W. M. Poisal. Rev. Mr. Dashiels, Rector of the P. E. Church, and Rev. R. C. Adams, pastor of the M. E. Church, were present. We laid his remains to rest in the churchyard of the P. E. Church, where other members of the family are laid, to await the resurrection morn when Christ shall call together his elect from the four quarters of the earth. His afflicted widow, who had shared with him the labors and privations of his itinerant life, and had nursed him so tenderly in his declining years, seemed to lose all desire for life on earth, and longed to follow him to the spirit world. But God has left her to bear her part in the labors of the church a little longer here before the happy reunion in the midst of the company of the "just made perfect."

"O glorious hour! O blest abode!
I shall be near, and like my God!
And sin and grief no more control
The sacred pleasures of the soul."

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